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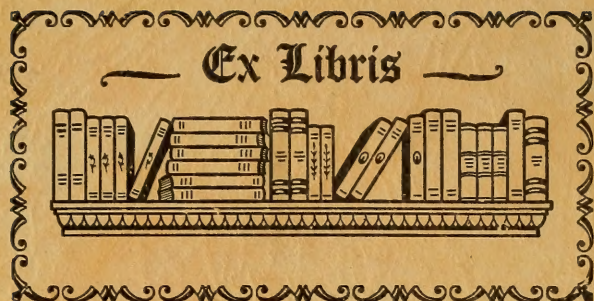
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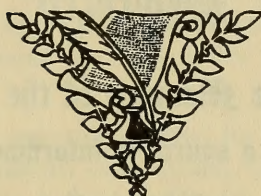


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**Genealogy**  
of  
**Descendants of John Nutting**  
of  
**South Amherst, Mass.**



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To the Memory of the Dead

and a source of information

and inspiration

To the Living and the Generations

to Follow

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## Preface

THE next summer after my father died in November, 1923, I made a trip with my family east and visited, for the first time since my childhood, the place of his birth at old Nuttingville, South Amherst, Massachusetts. He had often told us of those "Good Old Days of Yore" when he was a small boy and the numerous Nutting relations, who lived there, constituted a thriving community.

I became interested in the idea of compiling a Genealogy and History of the Descendants of our Revolutionary War Ancestor—John Nutting—the founder of the little hamlet there on the old Bay Road which has to this day borne his name. I at once prepared questionnaire blanks which I sent out to representative kinsfolks of the various branches of the family—with the result that I received the most hearty assistance and co-operation on every hand.

In the early stages of gathering material for the undertaking, I came in touch with Homer W. Brainard of Hartford, Conn., who married one of the kinsfolks, and found he had a considerable quantity of authentic material he had gathered at considerable pains, on the earlier generations of Nuttings in America, dating back to the original John Nutting of Groton, Mass., killed by the Indians, 1676. As a result of our correspondence, back and fourth, a small volume of 52 pages was published in 1927 of the first four and five generations and some of the sixth and seventh generations of Nuttings in this country.

The present work takes up one of the most numerous offshoots of the fifth generation—that of John Nutting of South Amherst—and brings it down as late, in some cases, as May of the present year of 1929. The records of each of the twelve lines are as complete and accurate as it was possible for me to ascertain through correspondence and reference in some cases to Town and Church Records incident to three personal trips I made to Massachusetts in the summers of 1923-5-7.

I found that in this case, where the work runs back over a period of some 140 years, covering in some cases five generations, there were in existence, for the most part, family records which could be relied upon as being even more accurate and dependable than Town Records. I think I am safe in saying that the greater portion of the names, dates and genealogical data herein contained have been drawn from old family Bibles and other repositories of family history. We have endeavored to quote the

authority for these records so far as known as well as to give credit to the persons furnishing the information.

There are being published 250 copies of the book and I have so far borne the entire expense with a promise to donate, free of charge, copies of the work to a list of kinsfolks who have so kindly and generously co-operated with me in the spending of their time and effort in gathering the vital statistics and other associated material. All, I hope, has combined to make this an authentic catalog of genealogical data covering our particular branch of the tribe of Nuttings in America—together with a liberal interspersion of interesting and readable history, story and pictures, a considerable amount of which material has hitherto never been published.

The expense of the undertaking or hope of reimbursement, has been the least of my concern during the six years I have been working on the proposition along with my active business life. On the contrary, it has been a great pleasure to become acquainted through correspondence or actual meeting of many of the kinsfolks one would never have known ever existed except for a compilation of this or similar kind, and I for one, am justly proud of our kinship and heritage. The certain amount of thrill and fascination of dealing with things so vital, sentimental and sacred as the truths about our connections with the times in which we live and those of our forebearers, should be a liberal reward to anyone. So I am not looking especially to getting back what the undertaking has cost me in dollars and cents, but I hope to rest content in the thought, that possibly, I have been able to take the initiative in a worthwhile contribution to our present day and generation and those to come.

Kindredly Your Compiler,

WALTER MERRIMAN NUTTING.

Eighth Generation from and including John of Groton.

Third Generation from John of South Amherst.

Faribault, Minnesota, June 12, 1929.



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# Chapter I

## PART I



*The Story of*  
**JOHN NUTTING of GROTON, MASS.**  
*The Original Ancestor*

*of*

### THE NUTTINGS IN AMERICA

*as taken from the 52-page*

### NUTTING GENEALOGY

Of the First 4 and 5 Generations

*of*

### DESCENDANTS of JOHN NUTTING of GROTON

*By*

HOMER W. BRAINARD

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## PART II

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## CHAPTER I

### PART I

#### **John Nutting of Groton, Mass. The Original Ancestor of Nuttings in America**

*By Homer W. Brainard*

JOHN NUTTING, born about 1620-25 in England; died at Groton, Mass., March 13, 1676; married at Woburn, Mass., Aug. 28, 1650 Sarah Eggleston, daughter of Stephen and Jane Eggleston. The dates of her birth and death are not known.

There is said to be among the Winthrop papers a copyhold deed to "John Nutton (Nutting) a lifelong tenant on one moiety of the lands of Groton Manor," given at the time when John Winthrop—later the governor of Massachusetts—succeeded his father, Adam Winthrop, Esq. as lord of the manor of Groton, in Suffolk, England. The date of the deed is 1618. The grantee is called John Nutton, Senior. This implies a John Nutting, Jr., living in 1618, and of age. If not, the distinction Senior would not have been used. If living in 1618, the John Nutting of New England would have been a very young child. Hence his connection with the Nuttings of old Groton cannot be proved. It is said that the name of Nutting does not appear in the Parish Register of Groton.

In a letter dated June 20, 1623, John Winthrop, the later governor, writing to his son John who was a student at Trinity College, Dublin, says: "Commend me to my little cousins, and to my god-daughter Susannah Nutton." It does not appear whether Susannah was a wife or a daughter of a Nutting.

The earliest date that can be certainly assigned to John Nutting of New England is therefore the date of his marriage in 1650. He appears to have lived a few years at Woburn, but before June 29, 1656, he had removed to Chelmsford, settling perhaps in the western portions, now Westford, where some of his descendants have lived. On July 13, 1656, John Nutting and his wife were received into full communion with the Chelmsford Church, Rev. John Fiske, pastor. Three weeks later three of their children were baptized and in 1659 another child.

On Nov. 9, 1661, James Parker, John Nutting and James Fiske asked the Chelmsford church for leave to remove and for their prayers for a blessing on their undertaking. Thereupon the brethren objected, demanding their reasons for removal. Brother Parker answered that each of them had personal reasons, but in the main all agreed that it was because of several things pressing upon their spirits in reference to church administration, and added that if he could enjoy all ordinances and their administration accord-



ing to rule, he for his part would not remove. Brother Nutting also offered his remote location as a reason for removal; having several small children, he and his wife were deprived of the ordinances of religion and he wished to dwell near the meetinghouse. The church could not agree upon any action. There had evidently been disagreement or controversy of which we are not informed. It was finally voted that, "if the brethern concerned shall in the meantime settle themselves in the proposed way, we shall leave the matter with God."

It is probable that these three men had already made preparations for their homes at Groton. They would not, having wives and small children, remove as winter was coming on, unless they had provided shelter for them. Then too, they must be on the ground in season for next year's crop. The exact date of their removal is not known, but by Sept. 21, 1663, John Nutting was established in a home near the meeting-house in Groton, for on that date the town voted that "the said John shall keep clean or cause it to be kept clean, and for his labors he is to have fourteen shillings." In June, 1663, John Nutting had expressed his disapproval of the town's vote to call Mr. Willard to be their minister. During this summer he and James Fiske were laboring to lay out the highway to Chelmsford, for which they were to have twenty shillings. In November, 1663, he was, with four others, chosen selectman, and was re-elected in 1667 and 1669. In 1668 he was chosen constable, which made him rate-maker and tax collector.

Dec. 15, 1669, he was one of a committee to see that Mr. Willard, the town minister, had his maintenance well and truly paid to him.

On Nov. 13, 1672, he received a bounty of ten shillings for a wolf's head. On March 7, 1672-3 the town sequestered for use as a common about the meeting-house some land that was bounded by John Nutting. This shows that he was still living on the lot "nigh unto the meeting house," as he had desired when about to remove from Chelmsford in 1661. On Dec. 11, 1675, he was elected with others a surveyor (inspector) of high ways, was on Dec. 10, 1673, a fence viewer. The facts give us some insight into John Nutting's life and character as a man and pioneer. His standing in the town was, if not the highest, at least worthy and respectable.

The town of Groton at that time comprised some 41,000 acres of land. James Parker, the wealthiest, had a fifty-acre right; John Nutting a seven-teen-acre right. This does not mean that James Parker owned but fifty acres and John Nutting but seventeen. As there were about four hundred acre-rights in all, each acre-right was entitled to about fifty-four acres, pro rata, in the subsequent "divisions" or stock dividends in land. This would entitle John Nutting to about four hundred acres of land, or possibly more, as regard was had to the quality of the land as well as to actual acreage. Tradition affirms that he had a tract extending from Naumux Spring to the Nashua River, large tracts to the west of the river in what is now Pepperell, and land in the north end of Baddycook.

It is said that his house was a fortified garrison, to which the people might go in times of danger from the Indians. Groton was on the frontier at that time, and such danger was real. The house was perhaps built like a blockhouse, with projecting upper story, loop-holes in the walls for mus-

ketry, and a stockade about it. John Nutting would be obliged to defend the house in case of attack. It was this obligation that lead to his death. The Indian war known as King Philip's war, began in the early spring of 1676, after long preliminary warnings. Trouble began at Groton, March 2, 1676. On March 13 a force of four hundred Indians attacked Groton by stealth, as was their habit. Nutting's house and others were captured and John Nutting was shot to death in its defense. It is said that his head was severed and put upon a pole. The women and children escaped safely to Parker's house, not far away. Nutting's wife and children escaped with the others later to the safer settlements. The eldest son was married at this time and cared for his own. He and his brother James returned to Groton at the re-settlement. The younger children never returned to Groton. Mrs. Nutting probably went to Woburn, where her mother was living. Her mother, Mrs. Jane Cole, widow of ——— Eggleston of James Briton and of Isaac Cole, died at Woburn, March 10, 1687. Her sister Ruth, wife of Samuel Blodgett, may have lived at the same place.

John Nutting left no will. At a court held at Cambridge, April 1, 1684, administration was granted to John and James Nutting on the estate of John Nutting, late of Groton, deceased. On Dec. 4, 1716, James Nutting of Groton, yeoman, Ebenezer Nutting of Medford, practioner of physic, Jonathan Nutting of Cambridge, locksmith, John Stone of Groton and Sarah Stone, alias Nutting, his wife, and Jacob Taylor of Concord, husbandman, and Deborah Taylor, alias Nutting, his wife, children of John Nutting of Groton aforesaid, deceased and intestate, for £60 paid by our brother John Nutting of Groton, husbandman, conveyed to him all their interests in the estate of John Nutting lying in Groton (Middlesex County Deeds, Vol. 18, p. 290.) This deed is evidence for his legal heirs that were living Dec. 4, 1716.

#### CHILDREN OF JOHN NUTTING (THE FOUNDER), SECOND GENERATION

- A-2 i John, b. Aug. 25, 1651.
- B-2 ii James, b. June 30, 1653.
- iii Mary, b. Jan. 10 (or 16), 1655. Probably married about 1678 Samuel Howe of Concord, Mass. and Plainfield, Conn., born at Concord. Oct. 14, 1654; died at Plainfield, Conn., Dec. 29, 1724. Mrs. Mary (Nutting) Howe died at Plainfield, Conn., Sept. 1, 1727. Her children were: Samuel, Sarah, Hannah, Deborah, John, Josiah, Abigail, and Elizabeth.
- iv Josiah, b. June 10, 1658; died Dec. 10, 1658.
- v Sarah, b. Jan. 7, 1659; died young.
- vi Sarah, b. March 29, 1663, at Groton; married first Matthias Farnsworth who died 1693 at Groton; second Dec. 16, 1698, John Stone, son of Simon and Mary (Whipple) Stone of Watertown, Mass. She had at least six children.
- C-2 vii Ebenezer, b. Oct. 23, 1666.
- D-2 viii Jonathan, b. Oct. 17, 1668.
- ix Deborah (not recorded); married Jacob Taylor of Concord, Mass. before Feb., 1728-9.



## History of the Town of Groton

By Caleb Butler

Boston Press of T. R. Marvin

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Pages 77-80 "The surprisal of Groton was after this manner."

March 2, 1676

**O**N the 2nd the Indians came in the night and rifled eight or nine houses carrying away cattle and alarming the town."

March 9

"Indians ambushed two carts from garrisons to fetch hay attended by four men.

"Two escaped.

"Two were set upon by Indians. One was slain, stripped naked, his body mangled and dragged into the highway and laid on his back in a most shameful manner. The other taken captive, and who afterward escaped."

March 13

"Was the day the enemy came in full body 400.

"These two Indians were espied and the alarm given whereupon the most of the men in the next garrison<sup>1</sup> and some also in the second, (which was about eight or nine poles distant), drew out and went to surprise those two Indians, till our men reached the brow of the hill. Then arose the ambush and discharged a volley upon them, which caused a disorderly retreat or rather rout in which one was slain<sup>2</sup> and three others wounded.

"Meantime another ambuscade had arisen and came upon the back side of the garrison,<sup>3</sup> now deserted of men, and pulled down the palisades. The soldiery in this rout retreated not to their own, but passed by to the next garrison, the women and children meanwhile exposed to hazard, but by the goodness of God made a safe escape to the other fortified house<sup>4</sup> without any harm, leaving their substance to the enemy, etc."

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### NUTTING

This from the first settlement to the present time has been a common name in Groton.

"John Nutting was an original proprietor and owned a seventeen acre right. His house lot was on the northerly side of James brook between the highway passing easterly of the Union meeting house on the east and Broadmeadow on the west. His house, which was one of the most ancient garrisons, probably stood near the brook, on the site perhaps of Liberty Hall or the Rev. D. Phelps' house and it is the same that the Indian commander, on the night after the town was burnt March 13, 1676 conversed from, (being the garrison he had taken possession of) with Capt. Parker in his garrison, which is known to have stood on or near the site of Dr. A. B. Bancroft's house. The late William Nutting, Esq., was his lineal decendant."

Copied by W. M. Nutting from the records in Public Library at Groton, Mass., July, 1923.

<sup>1</sup>Probably John Nutting's garrison.

<sup>3</sup>Probably John Nutting's garrison.

<sup>2</sup>Probably it was John Nutting who was slain. <sup>4</sup>Probably James Parker's garrison.

## Historical Sketches of Groton, Mass.

1655-1890

By Samuel A. Green—1894

**I**N Groton there were five such garrison houses, and under their protection many a sleepless, anxious night was passed by the inmates.

"Four of these houses were very near each other and the fifth was nearly a mile away. The sites of some of them are well-known.

"Mr. Willard's house near the high school.

"Capt. Parker's house just north of the Town Hall.

"John Nutting's house on the other side of James Brook.

"The fourth was probably north of John Nutting's, but perhaps south of Mr. Willard's.

"Timothy Cooper of Groton, slain by the Indians second day of March 1675-6, lived somewhere between the Baptist meeting house and the beginning of Farmers Row. Inhabitants sought refuge in the Garrison houses.

"March 9. Indians attacked second time. Ambushed four men of whom one was killed and one captured, and two escaped.

"Final and main attack March 13. Not less than 400.

"In this assault John Nutting's garrison was taken by stratagem. The men defending it had been drawn out by two Indians, apparently alone, when the savages in ambush arose and killed one of the men (probably John Nutting himself), and wounded the others. At the same time the garrison house, now defenseless, was attacked in the rear and the palisades pulled down allowing the enemy to take possession. The women and children comprising those of five families, escaped to Captain Parker's house situated between James Brook and the site of the Town House.

"There is a family tradition worthy of credence that John Nutting was killed while defending his long house fort during Philip's War. His wife's name appears a few months later in the Woburn records as "Widow" Nutting," which is confirmatory of the tradition.

"Fortunately the loss of life or limb on the part of the inhabitants of the town was small and it is not known that more than three persons were killed, of whom one was Timothy Cooper and another, without doubt, John Nutting, and three wounded, two were made prisoners of whom one escaped from the savages and reached Lancaster and the other, John Morse, was ransomed."

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## CHAPTER I—PART II—(Illustrated)

### SCENES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIFE AND DEATH OF JOHN NUTTING THE FOUNDER

VICINITY OF—

OLD JOHN NUTTING GARRISON  
GROTON, MASS. 1676



*Photo by W. M. Nutting, 1923*

**T**HIS is a picture taken in the town of Groton, Mass., at the junction of Main and Hollis streets, looking northward. Historic records locate the John Nutting Garrison and the center of the main attack by the Indians resulting in the death of John Nutting and the burning of Groton, March 13, 1676, at or near the center part of the picture.

We are indebted to the Caleb Butler "History of the Town of Groton," for the most detailed description as to the location of the John Nutting Garrison and other historic points. Referring to the text bottom of page 11, and the the photograph above:—

"JAMES BROOK" in the foreground, runs east to west (right to left) under the street and empties into the Nashua River a short distance away. It was named after James Parker.

"THE UNION MEETING HOUSE" (not visible) is north of the brook and street intersection about a block.

"THE HIGHWAY PASSING EASTERLY," doubtless refers to Hollis street shown at the right.

"BROAD MEADOW ON THE WEST" is off the picture at the left.

"THE SITE OF THE OLD LIBERTY HALL" (now gone) is on the west side of Main street at the extreme left.

"REV. D. PHELPS' HOUSE" plainly shows in the center within the fork of Main and Hollis streets.

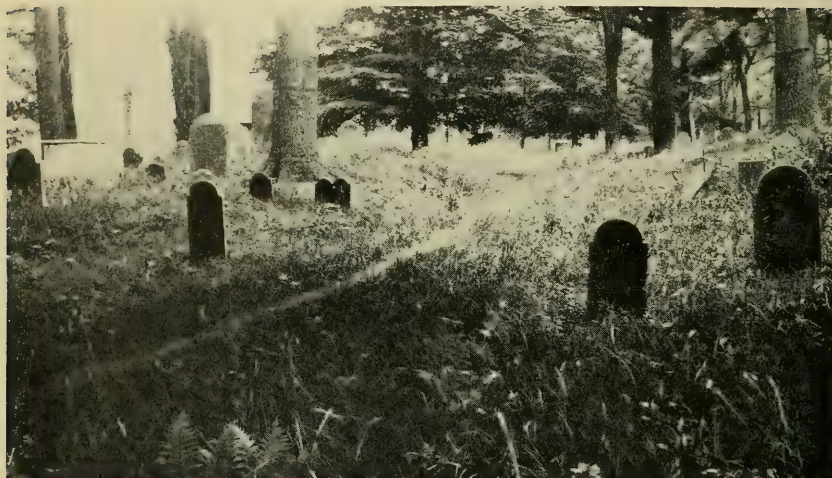
"DR. A. B. BANCROFT'S HOUSE" as the probable site of the "JAMES PARKER GARRISON" is just off the picture at the extreme right and bottom on the south side of James Brook and east side of Main street.

Note 1—The "TOWN HALL" spoken of in Samuel A. Green's account page 12, is on the west side of Main street, off the picture at the extreme left and bottom, thus shifting the location of the James Parker Garrison from the east to the west side of the street.

In both accounts, however, the John Nutting Garrison was on the north side of James Brook and the James Parker Garrison on the south side, both within speaking distance of each other.

Note 2—Hollis street leads off in an easterly direction past the Old Groton Cemetery and the site of the Old Meeting House burned by the Indians.

## OLD GROTON CEMETERY GROTON, MASS.



*Photo by W. M. Nutting, 1927*

**H**ERE lie buried the remains of many of the earlier generations of Nuttings in America, consisting for the most part of descendants of John (2) eldest son of John (1) the founder. The second son James (2) might have been buried here as well as some of his descendants of which there were comparatively few.

Some of the oldest graves which are marked are dated approximately 100 years after the death of John Nutting, Sr., and the destruction of the settlement at Groton. Among the oldest headstones is that of Lieutenant William Nutting (4) who died June 2, 1776, age 64. He was the great grandfather of Rev. John Keep Nutting, who wrote the Nutting Genealogy back in 1908.

Rev. John says—: "The Lieut. William's grave is probably near the unidentified graves of the earlier generations. In a new country it always happens that many early graves are marked only by perishable memorials which soon decay." He further says—: "As you enter the cemetery from the east the graves of our ancestors are at the right, part way up the pathway."

The path which passes centrally through the plot of ground, which is about the size of an ordinary city block, plainly shows in the picture.

On the capstone of the wall on the north side of the cemetery is engraved in large letters the name "NUTTING" to mark the family lot of one of the kinsfolk.

A noticeable thing about the old "graveyard," as it used to be called, is the profuse growth of giant evergreen trees and their dense shade, so that tall weeds and undergrowth are in abundance among the numerous graves. Evidently no new burials have been made there for some years.





MONUMENT TO  
OLD  
MEETING HOUSE  
GROTON, MASS.  
1676

This Monument, erected by the town, is located out Hollis street past the Cemetery on a triangular space set aside as "Common Ground" and reads—

"NEAR THIS SPOT  
STOOD THE FIRST MEETING HOUSE OF GROTON  
BUILT IN 1666  
AND BURNED BY THE INDIANS  
13 MARCH 1676"

It is said that John Nutting's land adjoined the Meeting House plot, and that he and his family were devoted attendants at its religious services. See page 9.

SIGN BOARDS  
GROTON, MASS.

THESE sign boards at the time this picture was taken stood on the east side of Main street, Groton, Mass., toward the south end of town, marking the intersection of what are called the Boston-Keene and Worcester-Portland turnpikes. Groton is 37 miles north and west of Boston up the Historic Road of "Paul Revere's Ride," Cambridge, Lexington, Concord.

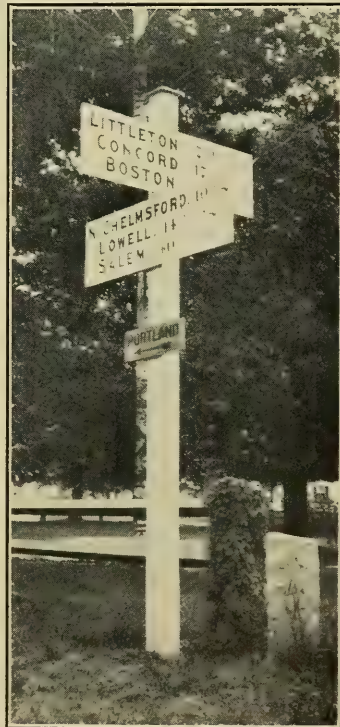
Approximately 100 years before, Groton was considered on the frontier and it was down this road to Concord that the surviving settlers escaped after the looting and burning of the little settlement by the Indians.

N. CHELMSFORD, LOWELL, SALEM are easterly of Groton toward the Atlantic coast.

PORTLAND, Me. is 110 miles north-easterly—on the coast.

The sign boards in the center of the town at the intersection of Main and Hollis streets shown in the first picture, read: ASHLY—TOWNSEND—KEENE, N. H., and are out Main street to the north and west across the Nashua River.

HOLLIS — NASHUA — DUNSTABLE are out Hollis street to the east and north past the Old Cemetery and the Meeting House burned by "Ye Savages."



Photos by W. M. Nutting, 1923

## OLD GROTON INN GROTON, MASS., 1770



*Photo by W. M. Nutting, 1923*

THE Groton Inn is located in the town of Groton, Mass., on the east side of Main street, at the intersection of what is called the Boston-Keene and Worcester-Portland turnpikes. It is one of the early historic taverns of New England which has survived in usefulness and popularity down to the present day.

It was originally a dwelling house and occupied before the Revolutionary War by Rev. Samuel Dana. The opening date is given as 1770. It was kept during the latter part of the War by Capt. Jonathan Keep who was the father of Lucinda Keep. She married Joseph Danforth Nutting (6) and they were the mother and father of Rev. John Keep Nutting (7) the Genealogist of 1908.

During over 150 years of continuous public service of the hostelry it has been under the management of some dozen different proprietors and today is owned and operated by L. A. Dodge.

In times past its humble appointments furnished shelter and sustenance for the weary traveler by stage, foot or horseback along the dusty public roads. Today it caters to the transient autoist over the modern, hard-surfaced highways or the any and all-season boarder, having all modern conveniences and service within as well as garage accommodations without. Besides it has a 9-hole golf course with a comfortable club house situated within ten minutes walk of the Inn.

The two young ladies standing by the automobile in the picture are Nutting girls of the 9th generation from the original John Nutting. They are Ada and Ruth, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Nutting. Mrs. Nutting is at the right and Mr. Nutting is taking the picture. The family were one day visitors at the Groton Inn in the summer of 1923 and again in 1927.



## Chapter II



### *Discussions of Ancestry*

*of*

JOHN NUTTING

*of*

SOUTH AMHERST, MASS.



#### *PART I*

BY REV. JOHN KEEP NUTTING—1888 - 1908

#### *PART II*

BY HOMER W. BRAINARD  
HARTFORD, CONN.

#### *PART III*

BY SAMUEL AND CHARLES NUTTING  
SONS OF  
PORTER NUTTING, OF NORTHAMPTON, MASS.



*Interspersed with Notes  
by the Compiler*

## CHAPTER II

### PART I

## Discussion of Ancestry of John Nutting of South Amherst

BY REV. JOHN K. NUTTING

Freedom, Ohio, March 23, 1888.

Dear Cousin Eli:—

Your descent from the old original John of Groton (Married 1652) appears to be as follows:

#### JOHN I OF GROTON

		2nd Generation	
John II	James	Ebenezer	Jonathan
my ancestor		M. D., Cambridge, Mass	This branch was
		3rd Generation	"Tory" and return-
Jonathan		Ebenezer II	ed to England where
		4th Generation	its only known rep-
William I		Ebenezer III	resentative are two
		"Lost at sea," or as you	old bachelors in the
		say, "Drowned on the	Royal Artillery and
		Banks of New Foundland."	in this country the
		5th Generation	bachelor Artist B.
William II		John	F. Nutting of Bos-
		of So. Amherst	ton.
		6th Generation	
Joseph		George	
		7th Generation	
John K.		Eli	

From which it appears that not only a scion of Dr. Ebenezer's House (Jonathan) came over to Brimfield, settled the Chicopee Bottoms (and sent a multitude of our race deploying up and down the Connecticut), but also this Great Grandfather of yours; and quite probably the two streams have sometimes intermingled, so that we should have to know several points in order to get at the orbit of any youthful representative. Your father's account exactly fills the gap in mine which stopped that line with John and William whose father was "Lost at sea" leaving his children so young that their record was not followed up. This record (of John at least) is now recovered and I am glad of it.

Your father and I are of the same generation and we are related exactly as we also are to Mrs. Mary Nutting Kingsbury of Geneva, Ohio, who is an Ebenezerite of the VII generation from old John I—There hangs a tale. (On later consideration he is a little nearer to her than he is to me, as she is also an Ebenezerite). Some years since she told her daughter that I must be related to her, and the daughter went with me to see her. She was near four score and very deaf, though smart and active. Her daughter



wrote on the slate, "Rev. Mr. Nutting." On reading it the good woman gave me a look as of recognition and without further ado, threw her arms around my neck and gave me a sounding kiss. After which we proceeded to hunt up the degree of thickness of blood and found, as I said, that our great, great, great grandfathers were brothers; truly I said "blood is thicker than water."

Another Ebenite—John, brother of that Jonathan who came to Brimfield sent a prolific son, Rev. Thomas, to the Cohoss country—i.e. Upper Connecticut Valley—Piermont and Plymouth, N. H.—who filled all that region with our name. Miss Mary E. of Boston (principal Compiler of this Genealogy) is a descendant of his. Between these two colonies of Ebenites my race intercalated two of their own—one Abel (an astonishingly fertile branch averaging from 12 to 16 in a family)—brother of my grandfather, William, at Weatherfield, Vt., soon filling the valley from Bellows Falls to Windsor and Woodstock and the other William—my uncle—who settled at Randolph, Vt., where he died the father of many children. The former Prof. Rufus at Hudson was also my uncle. William sent descendants down the Connecticut to Bellows Falls and his son David M. D. (returned Missionary) lives at Randolph but has sons at Chicopee Falls.

During my life at the West I met or heard of many Ebenezites and some of my own line. I should be very glad should I happen in Kent to note the facial resemblances to the original type—if we only knew what that type was. Also should be happy to see your father and yourself at any convenient time here. Should you wish to ask any further questions or to add any points concerning the present and last generations in the Connecticut Valley, I should be glad to help in my way.

Yours for the sake of our

Great, Great, Great, Great, Great, Great Big  
Grandfather.

(Signed) John K. Nutting.

P. S.—There after all you will have to put in another Great to catch on to old John.

Note by W. M. Nutting, Faribault, Minn., Jan. 19, 1927.

*The above is copy of a pen written letter loaned me by Mrs. Geo. L. (Abbie W.) Henry, 45 Pleasant St., Amherst, Mass., written by Rev. John K. Nutting to his kinsman Eli Nutting of Kent, Ohio.*

*Evidently Rev. J. K. Nutting was mistaken in saying that he was of the same generation 6th, with Eli Nutting's father and Mrs. Mary Nutting Kingsbury, but rather was of the same generation 7th with Eli. This is confirmed in Rev. John K. Nutting's Genealogy Book of the Descendants of John Nutting of Groton, Mass., published in 1908.*

*Mrs. Abbie Whipple Henry, referred to above, is the niece of Eli Nutting and the daughter of his sister, Mrs. Hannah Nutting Whipple.*

*On the back of the letter in pencil is written—*

*"Your cousin Anna M. Nutting of Kent, Ohio sent me this." Evidently this note was written by Mrs. Hannah Nutting Whipple and directed to her daughter Mrs. Abbie Whipple Henry. The Anna M. Nutting is the unmarried daughter of Eli Nutting.*

## REV. JOHN KEEP NUTTING

Glenwood, Iowa, Aug. 9, 1893.

Porter Nutting, Esq.

Dear Sir;

A copy of an article in the Springfield Republican of date April 1st, has lately come into my hands, referring to you as perhaps the only living son of a Revolutionary soldier. In that article your father is spoken of as brought to Northampton (a child of 4 years) in 1766.

Thinking you may not possibly have learned the line of descent of your ancestry (as your father may never have traced it) I venture to send you what may be old news, (in which case it will do no harm), or may be of no little interest to you.

Your father was made an orphan (with his little brother William of whom I have no farther trace) by the loss of their father Ebenezer or 'Eben' who was drowned on the Grand Banks. This Eben was the son of "Ebenezer Jr.," who was the son of Hon. Ebenezer M. D., the learned blacksmith and member of the General Court of Cambridge; and *he* was the third son of *John*, who was killed by the Indians at Groton, Mass., March, 1676. John 1 (we call him) was the progenitor of all of our name so far as can be learned, except two or three late comers from the old country. These probably connect with us over there.

Most of our name in the Conn. Valley are descendants of Ebenezer M. D. and nearer to you than to me—but of late there has come in a *sprinkling* of my line (at Chicopee and elsewhere).

I am descended from John I through John II (his oldest son, who now has (I think) some 200 representatives living. Hon. Ebenezer must stand as the head of a much larger company. We (Nuttings) now hail from every state and territory (unless Alaska) and from Canada.

I am collecting material for a Nutting Genealogy and History, and shall be glad of any facts you can give me.

Allow me to congratulate you on that longevity which gives you that distinction, mentioned in the article. May you long retain that distinction.

Yours sincerely,

(Rev.) John K. Nutting.

Copied by W. M. Nutting, Faribault, Minn., March 12, 1926.

## REV. JOHN KEEP NUTTING

Glenwood, Iowa, Aug. 28, 1893.

Porter Nutting, Esq.

Dear Cousin:

Yours is at hand, and of great interest. Miss Mary E. Nutting of Boston is dead, some years since.

We were in correspondence several years, and I had hoped much from her labors, but during her last years she was so afflicted, (I think with cancer) that she ceased her efforts; and though I have made careful inquiry, and my Cousin, Mary O. Nutting (for many years and now librarian at



Mt. Holyoke Coll.) went to Boston purposely, we have not been able to recover even a scrap of her MS. It is possible we may yet find it deposited in some institution. However, she had communicated to me all her discoveries and I had furnished her all I then knew, so that it is likely we have lost nothing by the sad occurrence of her decease.

Your line I fell upon in this way. While living in Ohio (in Portage Co.), items kept appearing in the Co. papers concerning Miss Anna Nutting.

These were referred by friends to my daughter Anna (since deceased) and caused some annoyance, but I found a clue, and followed it. I found the lady a distinguished teacher at Kent, O., and visited at her house. From her father I learned his descent as far as he knew it; namely *Eli* (his own name) of *George* (your brother) of John, whose father (as Eli had it) was "drowned off the banks," leaving him 1 John and another brother young children. I went to a list drawn up by my grandfather William (of Groton) and found that, Ebenezer 4 of Ebenezer 3 of Ebenezer 2 of John 1 (the figures indicate the generation) was "lost at sea leaving two small children, John 5 and William." It is farther indicated that the children were cared for by their relatives. But we know that the great body of Ebenezerites were established at Brimfield, Chicopee, etc., along the Conn. R. My grandfather's list was taken partly from his own knowledge, but (as to the elder branches of the family), also from the lips of John 3 his great uncle, who was living and in the use of all his faculties in 1777. (He died 100 yrs. old in 1780). My grandfather was a diligent genealogist himself, and his grandfather Johnathan 3 had left him a Ms. book containing what he knew of the race. This book is in our possession. Its statements were not all accurate, but have been corrected by the account of his older brother John 3, (as above) and also by some important town records: so that I think we are very near the exact facts. My grandfather was also an inveterate "cousin hunter," and (I am bound to confess) often saved himself a tavern bill by working up a second, third, or even a fourth cousin on his numerous trips. He sometimes used to carry a load of fresh fish; or shoes and stockings made by himself and family, as far as Springfield or even Westfield, thereby turning a frugal penny when farm work languished in winter. Have little doubt that he found the Ebenezer colony in this way, and learned all they knew of the race. It is quite possible that the name *William* (of the two sons left orphans) is a mistake, and that Ebenezer is the correct reading. The mistake would more readily occur if the child died at two years old as you say.

Now as to proof *First* This is the *only instance* in my grandfather's record, of an individual "lost at sea," *second*, it occurs in exactly the *right generation*. *Third*, it gives the right number of orphan children, and specifies that they were "young children." *Fourth*, it connects naturally with the tradition in your family and leaves no gap in the story. *Fifth*, it leaves the children in the care of relatives who we know were in the region where your father was afterward found.

I submit that these five points would not be covered by a story which they did not belong to, once in a million chances. Therefore the presump-

tion is equivalent to demonstration. But my experience in these investigations indicates that with a little trouble we may find just the proof we seek. Have you examined the Marriage Records of Cambridgeport and of the towns near? Also probably the baptismal records (church records probably of Cambridge 1st Church, or some *old* church close by) will give you the exact names of the two children, as they were particular in those days about having the children X and *early*. By the way, with three Ebenezers in the line before him, it is exceedingly probable that the oldest *child* of your grandfather would get that name, and your father's brother probably d. before *he* was taken by D. Hunt, or else he would not have remembered it—therefore *may* have been the oldest. This genealogical search has all the interest of a game. I am just now on the track of another Ebenezerite. A letter was sent by one J. H. Nutting of Gainesville, Texas, to one Lucius H. Nutting of N. Y. City, inquiring after one *Nancy*, once a milliner in Boston. The letter was given by one Lucius H. to Louis, a young man in N. Y. and by him sent his father, Rev. Geo. B., at Denver; Rev. Geo. B. (my cousin) sent it to me. I referred to my townsman Dr. S. C. Green of Boston, (Sec. Mass. Hist. Soc.), who searched directories and found Nancy's name, which *disappeared* with 1853. But meantime I had heard of a Nancy (and Samuel) at Richmond, Ind. On addressing the P. M. there, he gave the letter to an old resident, who wrote me that *Nancy* came there from Boston in 1853, with another Nancy, (her niece) who went to Cal.: that the elder Nancy died some years ago. Samuel was k. by the cars, and the younger Nancy was now wealthy, in her new house. So after six months I was able to write to Texas that the lost Nancy was found! The Texas man hailed from Mo. (and his father from Tenn.) but his name was *David* and I located him (probably) as a son of David 4 of Johnathan 3 (who started the Conn. R. Colony) of Ebenezer 2 of John 1. David 4's descendants were (in my grandfather's time) to be found at Leverett (in your County I think). I am now searching *there* for the *presumable* David 5 who went to Tenn. Of course this may turn out to be a false scent, but the name David occurs only once besides that in my whole list, (and that in my own line) and the presumption is very strong that I shall *hook* the Tenn. man without difficulty. I was before aware of the Faribault Colony, and of your relation to them. But I shall be very glad if you will give me the whole list of your father's family down to the latest arrival in "this troublesome world." Your generation is the 6th corresponding to that of my father (who was about 20 years your senior d. 1843 of acute disease). Most of your father's descendants will rank in the 7th and 8th generations probably. An interesting instance in the way of *tracing* was that of Rev. Dr. Wallace Nutting, Pastor Cong. Church, Seattle, Washington, who is quite a star on our escutcheon. We only knew that his father (Albion) was k. in the war, before his birth, that his grandfather was Seth who at one time had lived at Lisbon, Me. I found one Aaron, a J. P. at Lisbon who wrote that Seth's father was Abel, who came thither "with only his musket," on his discharge from the Rev. Army in 1783. I turned to my grandfather's record and found that Abel 5, (of Daniel 4 of Daniel 3, of John 2, of John 1) was a

R. S. from Groton and "went east" at the close of the war. This gave me the right name, the R. S. and the fact, that he went to Maine (which was then a part of Mass. and known as "down east") at the very time when the Maine record takes him up "with his musket," and continues his story! Could we doubt the identity? Especially as tradition had come down to the Rev. Dr. that his ancestors were "from Groton." We turned out to be 4th cousins; and a warm cousinship has resulted. You would greatly love the young man.

I am a Congregational minister, but I know very well the *New Church* doctrine, and am quite satisfied that you should belong to it, only so that we are united in the *One Lord Jesus*. I judge that there are now more than twenty ministers of our name and race. I intend before long to print an inexpensive brochure entitled "Studies Towards a Genealogy of the Nutting Family." Of course you will want a few copies? It will be furnished at cost.

Yours, John K. Nutting.

*Copied by W. M. Nutting, Faribault, Minn., March 10, 1926.*

The Rev. Wallace Nutting is still living and resides in Framingham, Mass.

#### REV. JOHN KEEP NUTTING

Glenwood, Iowa, Sept. 4, 1893.

"Cousin Porter"—;

Yours received, I got the hist. of the Brimfield and Chicopee Colony from Mrs. Mary Nutting Kingsbury, of Geneva, Ohio, who was one of them; and although I had before secured the name of the founder of that Colony from other sources.

The interview with her was quite romantic. Her daughter had married a lawyer named Sadd. One day as I was talking with her, Mrs. Sadd said, "I think you and I are related, my mother was Mary Nutting. I wish you would come and see her." I set a day, and with the daughter called on the mother who was stone deaf. A slate hung at her side which the daughter took and wrote "Rev. Mr. Nutting." The good lady read it—took a good look at me—and before I knew what was coming, threw her arms around my neck, and imprinted a resounding kiss upon my cheek—for relation's sake! When on investigation I found we were only—I think—sixth cousins—well, I was convinced that blood certainly is thicker than water! The list she gave me is as follows. Johnathan 4 of Jona. 3 of Ebenezer 2 of John 1) settled on Chicopee River, in Brimfield. His children were 1 Abigail, 2 Susan, 3 Ebenezer 5, 4 Lucy, 5 Abner, 6 Asa. Mrs. Kingsbury was Mary of Ebenezer 5. She stated that her uncles and aunts and their descendants were "at Chicopee, and all along the Conn. Valley and out west." As to your line, the only thing that gives me any doubt is the fact that you say your father's remembrance gave John as the name of your grandfather instead of Ebenezer. But I think I am not mistaken in the statement that I got the name *Ebenezer* "lost at sea," from Eli at Kent, Ohio, and that immediately identified his line of descent



by that means, I *may* be mistaken—he may only have known the “lost at sea,” and I may have proceeded upon that.

I can find in my grandfather's list (which he believed to include all up to his time except some who were then very young) no *John* who could fill the requirements of your case.

But we will push the clue farther. You say that the Mr. Bridgman will write me, and I shall be very glad to hear from him. Of course my only object is to get the facts whether they agree or not with my present lists. I am the son of Joseph D. 6 who was of Wm. 5 of Wm. 4 of Jonathan 3, of John 2, of John 1, all of whom lived and died at Groton, the family starting place. My father's oldest brother Wm. 6 grad. Dartmouth Coll. and settled as a lawyer at Randolph, Vt. But first established an Academy (now Randolph State Normal School) to the principalship of which he called a brother Rufus, the youngest of the three. Rufus also grad., D. C. and after some years became Professor at Hudson, O., where probably you knew or heard of him while at Akron. He taught 50 years! d. Detroit 1878. His son Rufus (my cousin) became Prof. at Illinois Coll. afterwards at Blackburn Univ. Carlinville, Ill., is now (at 70) retired, but being a minister, preaches at Bardolph, Ill. His son, Charles H. is Prof. of Biology in Iowa State Univ., Iowa City—a race of Professors! I was myself for a time President of one of our missionary colleges in the South, but preferred the ministry. My father was a farmer, but only one of his boys followed his example—George, who d. a few days since at Randolph, Vt. My only living sister (Sarah) has been Art-Professor at Wheaton Coll. Ill., for many years; at 71 is still vigorous and apt to teach. I am 61, grad. Williams Coll., and have preached since I was 21—forty years! But have scarcely a gray hair, and I think (and others support me in thinking) I was never doing better work than now. Have written and preached three sermons this week. I should like to live and work a thousand years. I have always used the pen pretty freely—mostly for our church papers, the Congregationalist and the Advance, but also for the Boston Wide Awake and other periodicals. Have published two or three small books, and have another on hand. My occasional poems have been published and republished all over the country. Nearly every collection of “Gems” contains one or more of them, and one (entitled by me *A Song to Bring Sleep*) has been stolen and published as a Xmas Booklet, with silly title of “Little Servants.” It reappears and has a good sale annually. My brother is Supt. of Schools at Reserve, Kas., and my only daughter (Jessie) is at the head of the High School here. You see you pulled the string of a shower bath when you asked me to tell about my folks. I am yours,

Very Cousinly, John K. Nutting.

Note—Copied by Hannah Nutting Whipple. (Mrs. Geo. A. Whipple) Amherst, Mass., Aug., 1894.

Loaned by Mrs. Abbie Whipple (Mrs. Geo. L.) Henry Amherst, Mass., and copied March 10, 1926, by W. M. Nutting, Faribault, Minn.

Rev. John K. Nutting was the pastor of the Congregational Church at Nashua, Iowa at the time Wm. Pitts wrote the famed song “Little Brown Church in the Vale.”

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*Note—The above was copied March 13, 1926 by W. M. Nutting, from printed sheet loaned by Mrs. Abbie Whipple Henry, Amherst, Mass. It is evidently the little circular put out by Rev. John Keep Nutting among the kinspeople of the Nutting Family in America prior to the publication of his 278 page Genealogy Book of which the writer has a copy purchased by his father about the time of publication in 1908. The number of copies distributed or where they are today is not known.*

Chas. A. O'Connor, Dealer in Rare-Books. No. 21 Spruce St., New York City, I understand, has some of the Rev. Nutting's Genealogies for sale. W. M. N.

*It is understood that Rev. Nutting died some years ago.*

# GENEALOGY OF JOHN NUTTING OF NUTTINGVILLE

South Amherst, Mass., by Rev. John Keep Nutting—1908.

## NUTTINGS IN AMERICA

JOHN NUTTING probably of Groton Manor England—Pages 40-62

The first official record of him in this country was that made by the Town Clerk of Woburn, Mass., August 28, 1650 recording his marriage to Sarah Eggleston.

Several children were born to them and they later moved to Chelmsford about 15 miles away where various entries are found in the Note Book of the Rev. John Fiske, Pastor of the Church, relating to the Founder and his family. Among others are the joining of the church of John and his wife and later the baptisms of several of their children.

The family later moved to Groton, Mass., where our ancestor became a proprietor and settler through the Massachusetts Bay Colony of the new Town, and according to "Dr. Green's Early Records of Groton, Mass." was elected one of its Selectmen in November, 1663, which office he held for several years. His home became one of the fortified Garrisons of the vicinity and he was later killed in the fight against the Indians in "The Burning of Groton" King Phillips War in the year 1676.

2nd Generation—Page 63.

There were four sons of the Founder who survived infancy, namely:—John 2, James, Ebenezer, and Johnathan and who became the heads of the four main branches of the Nutting Family in America.

## EBENEZER, 3rd SON, BRANCH

He was born in Groton, Mass., 1666 and a boy of 10 when the town was burned. Lived with his mother at Concord and Woburn. Returned to Groton for a time but left before 1707. Settled at Cambridge. Studied medicine and became a skilled Physician and Surgeon. Represented his town in General Court and was highly esteemed. He shows four male children: Johnathan, Ebenezer, Josiah, John.

3rd Generation

EBENEZER (2) 2nd Son of Ebenezer 1—Page 68.

Settled at Cambridgeport, Mass. He shows 3 sons, Ebenezer, Benjamin, Jonathan.

4th Generation

EBENEZER (3) eldest son of Ebenezer (2)—Page 74.

A sailor. Thought to have served in the "Royal Navy." Lost at sea. Drowned on the Grand Banks. Left wife (Mary Russell) and two infant sons, one of whom became the head of numerous posterity.

5th Generation

JOHN, eldest son of Ebenezer (3) (Little John of Northampton)—Page 89.

A child of 4 when orphaned. His mother's friend, Mrs. Hunt, took him to Northampton, Mass., where she found him a home with the Lymans who lived near the toll-bridge. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Revolutionary Army and saw service in guarding Old Fort Ticonderoga.

Grown to manhood he married Esther Smith and settled at South Amherst, his farm being on the old Bay Road. He married a second wife Catherine Smith of Whately. His descendants form one of the most numerous and interesting branches.



## CHAPTER II

### PART II

## Ancestry of John Nutting of So. Amherst

By Homer W. Brainard

Hartford, Connecticut July 4, 1925.

Mr. Walter M. Nutting, Fairbault, Minnesota. Dear Sir:—

I have seen the blanks for information regarding the descendants of John and George Nutting which you sent to Mrs. George L. Henry of Amherst, Mass., as she sent them to me for aid in filling out, and I have added what information I had at hand. As you may know my wife is a descendant of George Nutting, her grandmother having been Juliana Nutting, daughter of Captain George Nutting of South Amherst, Mass. Born Sept. 25, 1813, married Moseley J. Kendell. A college classmate of mine, Wallace Nutting of Framingham, Mass., has been my close friend for years.

In view of these facts, I have been much interested in the Nutting Family Genealogy, and have spent much time and effort in tracing it out. Have had careful study of records made in the towns and counties of eastern Massachusetts where they originated. I have a Manuscript Genealogy of about 125 hand written pages including the first five generations and some later. There may be a Nutting Genealogy more carefully written than this of mine with everything verified from original records, but if so, I do not know it. This shall be at your disposal, if you desire it. At present it is out of my hands being copied by my cousin, but I expect it back by fall.

I have the book of Rev. John K. Nutting. The Rev. J. K. N. was doubtless a good Christian and an able minister but as a Genealogist he certainly did not attain the ideal. The book is about as exasperating in its arrangement and incompleteness as a book could possibly be. Farther, my investigations have shown some very serious errors in it. There is another Mr. Nutting interested in Genealogy and I think compiling a book. His name and address escape me for the moment, but I will try and get it for you.

I see you accept John K. Nutting's statement that John Nutting of Northampton and Amherst was a son of an Ebenezer Nutting. *This cannot be true.* My research shows that he was in all probability the son of John and Sarah Nutting of Charlestown, Mass., who was it is true descended from the Jonathans and Ebenzers of Cambridge, Mass. When my genealogy comes back to hand I will give you my exact reasons for so stating.

Meanwhile permit me to commend your purpose and to express the hope that you will be able to bring it to realization. Many years experience in genealogical work (I have published two large volumes and numerous smaller ones) have shown me that it is no small job to complete even a partial genealogy, and that it is writing real history and should be considered as such.

With best wishes, Very truly yours, HOMER W. BRAINARD.

Note—Chas. H. Nutting of Boston is the only other Nutting I know of besides myself, who is interested in Nutting Genealogy and he is co-operating with me in this present undertaking.—W.M.N..

## LINE OF DESCENT OF JOHN NUTTING OF SOUTH AMHERST

By Homer W. Brainard 1927

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JOHN NUTTING—*The Founder*

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2nd Generation

**D-2 JONATHAN NUTTING** (John) born Oct. 17, 1668, at Groton; died at Cambridge shortly before June 9, 1735; married Elizabeth ———, who survived him, living in 1741.

He learned his trade of gunsmith or locksmith of person or persons unknown. In 1691 he was married and lived at Rumney Marsh, now Chelsea, as shown by Suffolk County Court Records, when in August, 1691 he complained of two Frenchmen, Fontaign and John, for entering his house on Sunday, Aug. 9, 1691, and offering abuses to himself and family. In 1695 he bought house and land in Old Cambridge, situated at the northeast corner of Bow and Holyoke Sts., near Harvard College. Later he owned most of the square bounded by Dunster, Winthrop, Holyoke and South Sts., except the southeast corner. On July 18, 1697, he and his wife owned the covenant in the First Church, Cambridge, and had their children baptized there, but there is no evidence that they were ever members in full communion. His heirs sold his homestead in Cambridge, Feb. 10, 1746. (Middlesex County Deeds, vol. 46, p. 630 and 632). The dwelling house was then occupied by Mercy, widow of James Nutting, son of Jonathan.

## CHILDREN, THIRD GENERATION

- D3-1 i John, bapt. July 18, 1697, aged 4 years; m. Ruth Gardner.
- ii Hannah, bapt. July 18, 1697; m. March 30, 1709-10, or April 17, 1710, (by Boston records) John Groce or Gross; second ——— Shepard of Boston; living 1746.
- D3-2 iii Jonathan, bapt. July 18, 1697; m. Hannah Billings.
- iv Sarah, bapt. July 18, 1697; m. Dec. 7, 1732, John Gay (record at Wrentham, Mass.) She died 1772.
- v Elizabeth, bapt. Oct. 9, 1698; she kept for many years a store or shop in Cambridge where she died, 1785, unmarried.
- \*D3-3 vi Samuel, bapt. Aug. 1, 1701; m. Jane Hunnewell.
- D3-4 vii James, bapt. April 25, 1703; m. Mercy Barnard.
- D3-5 viii Ebenezer, bapt. March 25, 1705; probably died unmarried.
- ix Mary, b. ———; m. Paul Nowell of Old York, now in Maine.

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3rd Generation

**D3-3 SAMUEL NUTTING** (Jonathan, John), bapt. Aug. 1, 1701, at Cambridge; died before 1761; married Nov. 23, 1727, (Charlestown records) Jane Hunnewell, born Jan 10, 1708-09, at Charlestown; living Oct. 7, 1794; daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Davis) Hunnewell of Charlestown.

Samuel Nutting was a brickmaker; lived in Medford, Cambridge, Sherburn and Watertown. He is also called boatman and blacksmith. Samuel Nutting of Sherburn, yeoman, and wife Jane sold to Joseph Roby land in Newton and Watertown, July 29, 1754. (Middlesex County Deeds, vol. 52, p. 490). In 1740 he went from Cambridge to Watertown, and was warned out of town by the selectmen Sept. 12, 1740. However, he gained a residence there and had a seat in the meeting-house 1741-48. After 1752 he went to Sherburn and may have died there. I find no record of his death or estate. His widow Jane Nutting was at Needham in 1762, and Nov. 1762 was warned out of Watertown, and in 1765 was warned out of Charlestown, where she had been off and on for two years. These warnings were legal devices to prevent her from becoming a town charge, and do not imply that she was otherwise undesirable. She spent her last days in Newton, Mass., and probably died there.

#### CHILDREN, FOURTH GENERATION

- D4-4 i Samuel, bapt. Oct. 27, 1728, in Medford or Charlestown; m. Lydia Stratton.
- ii Elizabeth, b. June 7, 1731; m. April 24, 1753, Abel Benjamin.
- D4-5 iii Jonathan, bapt. June 15, 1735, at Cambridge.
- D4-6 iv Joseph, bapt. Aug. 14, 1737; d. young.
- D4-7 v Joseph, bapt. May 6, 1739; m. Olive Huntting.
- \*D4-8vi John, bapt. Dec. 27, 1741, at Watertown; m. Sarah ———; second Mary Russell; third Mary Bird.
- vii Sarah, bapt. Sept. 16, 1744, at Watertown.
- viii Mary, bapt. March 13, 1747-8, at Watertown; probably m. John Penny, Jr.
- ix Abigail, b. ———; m. 1767 Joseph Smith (?).
- D4-9 x Charles, bapt. Dec. 17, 1752, at Watertown; m. Hannah Parmenter.

#### NUTTING GENEALOGY—Pages 39-40 4th Generation

**D4-8 JOHN NUTTING** (Samuel, Jonathan, John), bapt. Dec. 27, 1741; at Watertown; died at Charlestown, Mass., Feb. 7, 1826; married first about 1761 (date not found) Sarah ———; married second (date of publishment Oct. 28, 1787) Mary Russell, who died Sept. 17, 1795, aged 47; married third Sept. 28, 1797, Mary Bird, daughter of Edward and Sarah Bird.

Sept. 1766 the selectmen of Charlestown obtained a caution against John Nutting, "a young man who came from Watertown upon the first day of June last." Wyman, *Estates of Charlestown*, says that this John Nutting was deaf and dumb. Wyman's account of him is much confused.

The original authority for stating that he was "dumb" is the records of the Charlestown selectmen; "Selectmen's meeting Sept. 1, 1766. Agreed that John Nutting a dumb young man be warned out of town, the selectmen refusing to admit him an inhabitant." (Vol. 8, p. 110.)

In 1767 two of John Nutting's sisters appear to have been living in Charlestown, for we have the records of their marriages:



"Joseph Smith and Abigail Nutting of this town were joined in marriage by the Rev. Mr. Thomas Prentice April 2, 1767."

"John Penny, Jr., and Mary Nutting were joined in marriage by the Revd. Mr. Hall Abbott May 16, 1768."

In 1775 he was living at Bow St., near Arrow St., occupying Lot 47 in the plan in James F. Hunnewell's *Century of a Township*, p. 129.

His losses from the burning of Charlestown by the British on June 17, 1775, are described as "half a dwelling, kitchen at back, valued at £100 and £8 in personal estate." He is called baker and laborer, and a seafaring man.

In 1790 the census shows the family of John Nutting to be composed of himself and wife and another female, perhaps his wife's sister, Laura Russell, as census of 1789 says.

The record of the death of his wife is very confused. Charlestown records exist only in a transcript or copy, originals having been lost. It reads: "John Nutting the deaf and dumb man's wife Sarah died of the dropsy Sept. 18, 1795, aged 39." The date of Sarah's death is evidently wrong, it probably being before Sept., 1795, as we have the date of his second wife's death, Mary (probably RUSSELL) Nutting that same month and year.

There exists in the Phipps Street Cemetery in Charlestown a grave-stone with the following marking:—

"IN MEMORY OF MRS. MARY NUTTING  
WIFE OF MR. JOHN NUTTING WHO DIED  
SEPT. 17, 1795, AGE 47 YEARS."

There exists the following deed: "John Nutting of Charlestown, laborer, in consideration of my friendship and affection for Mary Bird of Charlestown, single woman, deeds to her the income of his estate, real and personal, during her lifetime; if income is insufficient, she has liberty to sell the property by the advice of the selectmen." Sept. 28, 1797. (*Middlesex County Deeds*, vol. 126, p. 283).

John Nutting and Polly Bird, both of Charlestown, were joined in marriage Sept. 28, 1797, by Rev. Jedediah Morse, pastor of the First Congregational Church.

According to the Charlestown records, this John Nutting continued to live there for some 28 years in rather destitute circumstances, to the time of his death at age 84 years.

#### CHILDREN, FIFTH GENERATION

*Probably by First Wife Sarah ———.*

\*D5-8 i John, b. about 1762 or 3; probably the JOHN NUTTING of South Amherst.

D5-9 ii Ebenezer, b. (date not known); d. aged 2 years.

*By Third Wife, Mary (Bird) Nutting*

i Caroline, bapt. July 20, 1800 at Charlestown.

Note by W. M. N.—According to the above, JOHN NUTTING (B5-8) of So. Amherst would have to be the son of John Nutting (B4-8) formerly of Watertown, Mass. by his first wife SARAH ———. Furthermore, the natural inference would be that (JOHN of So. Amherst)

was born at Watertown—seeing that his accredited father was bapt. there in 1741 and came from there to Charlestown in 1766. It is significant furthermore, that JOHN, “a child of 4 years was brought to Northampton by friends of his mother,” about this time; indicating that she might have died and the home was being broken up.

Mr. Brainard, however, in attaching John (5) of So. Amherst to John and Sarah Nutting, formerly of Watertown, is making this as a CONJECTURE or ASSUMPTION rather than having his theory substantiated by any positive records as to the parentage, dates and places of birth and baptism of our Little JOHN.

STATEMENT BY GENEALOGIST (Nutting Genealogy, 1927)

I have a good record of many Nuttings of the fifth generation. I have especially noted the John Nuttings of the fifth generation. All without exception were born too late to be the John Nutting of Amherst, or else are known to have lived elsewhere than in Amherst. I believe this record is complete and accurate enough, so that we can locate John Nutting of Amherst as the son of the John Nutting of Charlestown, the deaf mute. Although there is no record of his birth, it is the most in accord with the traditions of the origin of John of Amherst as given by Rev. J. K. Nutting on pages 74 and 89. Surely he is the only John who had a mother—really stepmother—named Mary Russell. I have shown on page 35 that the John of Amherst could not have been the son of Ebenezer Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John, as stated by J. K. Nutting on page 74. John of Amherst did not come from the Marblehead line. This origin of John of Amherst may not be as agreeable to the descendants of John of Amherst as some other origin might be, but the fact that he was taken to Northampton at the age of four indicates very special circumstances in the affairs of his parents. They were either one or both dead, or in circumstances which compelled them to give up their child. Rev. J. K. Nutting does not seem to have been aware of the condition of the descendants of the two younger sons of John Nutting the founder of the family. The descendants of John Nutting, the oldest son of the founder, were either of Groton or from there. All were farmers to a man, with possibly one exception. The descendants of the two younger sons of the founder were very poorly known to J. K. Nutting. He simply had little or no information concerning them. They were mostly town dwellers, artisans or seamen. J. K. Nutting, being descended from John Nutting, eldest son of the founder, and relying upon the MS. genealogy, said to have proceeded from John Nutting the centenarian, knew most of the descendants of the eldest or northern branch and little of the others. I regard it as one of the merits of my investigation that I have brought to light the descendants of the two younger sons, Ebenezer and Jonathan, and that the list is complete to the end of the fourth generation. I would add that I have record authority for every statement that I have made in this account, and have used conjecture only in those cases in which I have so stated, or where I have used interrogation mark (?) in connection.

(Signed) HOMER W. BRAINARD, Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Brainard further says;—

"The evidence for Sarah as own mother of John (5) is none too abundant, but I think we may assume John (D4-8) married her about 1761, on attaining his majority and had by her at least two children, and that she died in 1764 or 5. If so, all comes out straight, and the family tradition is preserved, that JOHN'S OF AMHERST FATHER MARRIED MARY RUSSELL. Thus she would be only stepmother to John of Amherst.

"We may assume that John (D4-8) of Watertown, Charlestown, after death of wife Sarah and child Ebenezer, GAVE AWAY JOHN, his surviving child, and after trying in vain to gain residence in Charlestown, perhaps WENT TO SEA (he is called a seafaring man) and later gave up the sea, settled down in Charlestown where he was on June 16-17, 1775 when the British burnt the town during the "Battle of Bunker Hill," and where John met with losses, which are on record, and which were reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, etc."

Note—W.M.N. Below is printed the part of Page 35 from the NUTTING GENEALOGY 1927, by Homer W. Brainard referred to in his statement, page 31.

This would indicate that the JOHN C5-13 of the line of three EBENEZERS back to the original ancestor in this country, John of Groton, could not be our John Nutting of South Amherst as this one was bapt. 1748 or 9 while our John—all agree— was born in 1762, about 14 years later.

#### NUTTING GENEALOGY—Page 35

**C4-5 EBENEZER NUTTING** (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), bapt. Sept. 18, 1726; d. ———; married Mrs. Hannah Diamond Marsh, widow of Andrew Marsh. Andrew Marsh and Hannah Diamond married Nov. 16, 1743 (Marblehead records). She was either the Hannah Diamond bapt. Nov. 2, 1718, at Marblehead, daughter of William and Johannah Diamond, or the Hannah bapt. Oct. 20, 1723, daughter of William and Deliverance Diamond. Widow Nutting, mother of Mr. John Nutting, d. Jan. 24, 1811 aged 84 at Marblehead. (Marblehead records). This would put her birth in 1727, not a good agreement with the above. "Sarah Marsh daughter of Andrew deceased and Hannah, now Nutting, bapt. June 19, 1748" (Marblehead church record).

#### CHILDREN, FIFTH GENERATION

- C5-13 i John, bapt. Jan. 8, 1748-9; m. Jane Crowinshield.  
 ii Alice, bapt. Sept. 2, 1753; m. Jan. 1772, Paul Sears.  
 iii Hannah, b. Nov. 8, 1754; m. Dec. 30, 1786, Nathan Frye of Andover; their son Daniel Frye, b. May 2, 1793 at Salem, was a seaman and was shot in an engagement in 1814. (Essex Institute Collections, vol. 6, p. 210).  
 C5-14 iv William, bapt. March 28, 1756; a Revolutionary soldier from Marblehead; marriage not found.  
 v Elizabeth, m. April, 1776, Peter Quiner (?).



Homer W. Brainard  
150 Warrenton Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut

Mr. Walter M. Nutting  
Faribault, Minnesota.

Feb. 19, 1926.

Dear Mr. Nutting:—

I received your letter of Feb. 3, 1926 with the enclosures. Thank you for the picture of John Nutting's gravestone. I have read over the four pages (typewritten) which you inclose. I assume this is about the form in which you intend to print it in your forthcoming Genealogy of the Descendants of John Nutting of South Amherst.

I am sorry that you prefer J. K. N's traditions and guesses to historical fact. If the whole of my article sent to you can be printed, readers would have the materials wherewith to form an adequate judgment. Giving just the mere line as you do, prevents that entirely. (*All this material has since been printed in the NUTTING GENEALOGY by Brainard, 1927, herein frequently referred to.*)

I have not affirmed that I have actually demonstrated the origin of John Nutting of South Amherst. I have gathered all the historical data I could bearing upon the matter, and shown what seems to be the probable origin of John. However, I have demonstrated that he **COULD NOT HAVE** originated as J. K. N. states. Family traditions are generally twisted and so unreliable. A case in point is that of the two wives of John Nutting of South Amherst, Esther Smith and Catherine Smith, family traditions say they were sisters. Not so. Catherine was the daughter of Silas and Lavinia (Houghton) Smith, but she had no sister Esther. I have searched long for Esther but could not find her. Smiths are numerous about Amherst, Hadley, Hatfield, and Northampton.

In regard to special points raised by you:—Mary Russell was only stepmother of John Nutting of So. Amherst. Probably he never saw or knew her. But this is the only instance where the names of Nutting and Russell are mentioned together. You have, however, in this objection, put your finger upon the weakest spot in my argument. This I am free to admit.

The age of Mary Russell (Nutting) at death is given both 47 and 39 by Wyman. I think age 39 was age of John's wife Sarah. It was not necessary that Mary be old enough to mother or "stepmother" John.

I have some letters J. K. N. wrote to my wife, which show that "he was all at sea" concerning the origin of J. N. of So. Amherst. He contradicts himself. I am,

Very truly yours,

HOMER W. BRAINARD.

## CHAPTER II

### *PART III*

#### **Ancestry of John Nutting of So. Amherst**

BY SAMUEL H. AND CHARLES H. NUTTING

From the camp of Porter Nutting, son of John Nutting of Amherst and who lived most of his long life in Northampton, Mass., comes some of the most interesting accounts pertaining to the early life and origin of our much-discussed ancestor.

Porter Nutting being located near the scenes of his father's early boyhood days after he was brought to Northampton at age 4, doubtless became particularly interested in his father's parentage and ancestry. This is evidenced by correspondence carried on back as far as 1893 between Porter Nutting and Rev. J. K. Nutting who later wrote his Nutting Genealogy in 1908.

Evidently the interest in family history was handed down to the younger generations of Porter's family for we have at least two of his sons who give accounts of their grandfather, John of Amherst.

Samuel H. Nutting was one of the older sons of Porter Nutting and from copies of Old Family Records purported to have been in his possession, we read:—

"Porter Nutting was son of John Nutting whose father (JOHN) was a sea Captain. John had only one brother, Ebenezer younger than John, who died at age of two. John lived to be 72. John Nutting's mother's name was MARY RUSSELL."

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As late as the fall of 1927 we have from a younger son of Porter Nutting, Charles H. Nutting of Boston, in letters to your compiler the following:—

"I understand from my son Wells, that you would like to borrow my Nutting Genealogy, and shall be glad to send it to you as soon as I can dispense with it. I have been trying to get some definite information in regard to my Great Grandfather, EBENEZER NUTTING, who was lost at sea. His wife was Mary Russell, and I do not know if it will be possible to get any information from the Russell Genealogy.

"My father told me that his grandfather's name was EBENEZER and his grandmother's MARY RUSSELL; that Ebenezer was lost at sea about 1766 on the Grand Banks. I do not know whether he was a fisherman or was a packet ship captain, but I always thought he must have been a fisher-



man out of Cambridgeport, which is now part of Cambridge. I think he had a brother, but he knew very little about the details, owing to his being left an orphan at such an early age (3 years). He was taken by Mrs. Hunt on a postilion from Cambridgeport to Northampton and lived in the house now standing on Bridge Street, being second house on the right after crossing the Hadley bridge going toward Northampton. The old house is in a fine state of preservation. I shall try and get a picture of it. Mrs. Hunt was a friend of his mother, so I am inclined to think that the John Nutting theory (*meaning by Brainard*) was wrong.

"What I am looking for is more details in regard to this great grandfather and whether Mary Russell was lost at sea at the same time or died in Cambridge, at or about that time."

(Signed) C. H. NUTTING.

As late as March 21, 1929 we are in receipt of a letter from Chas. H. Nutting of Boston in which he says in part—;

"I think that Ebenezer married Mary Russell in Marblehead in 1845, as there is a record that says Ebenezer married Mary — — — in that year before September. I doubt that this was the Captain Ebenezer of Salem. This could not have been Mary of Casco, and Ebenezer Jr's. wife's name was Hannah. There is no doubt but that there are several of the family that we have no information about, in my opinion."

"I am working on the whole situation, and giving it as much time as I can. The trouble is that much of the information needs to be gotten in business hours which bothers me to some extent. I am awaiting a reply from the Pension Bureau in Washington, to see if they know of John's of So. Amherst parentage."

Note by Compiler—

*As the printers are closing the forms for this section of the book, any further findings of Chas. H. regarding the parentage and ancestry of our John Nutting of So. Amherst will have to be added in the way of a supplement at the end of the book.*

# Chapter III



## *Genealogy*

### *Stories, Incidents, and Records*

IN THE LIVES OF

JOHN NUTTING AND HIS FAMILY

*of*

NUTTINGVILLE, SOUTH AMHERST,  
MASS.

1762 - 1834 - 1852 - 1925



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# Genealogy

## of

### John Nutting of South Amherst, Massachusetts

**1 JOHN NUTTING (5) (4) (3) (2) John (1)**

John Nutting, according to the best authorities available, was born April 21, 1762, at Cambridgeport or Watertown, Mass. A child of four when orphaned or sent away to Northampton to find a home with friends; died July 28, 1834 at Nuttingville—South Amherst, Mass., and buried there age 72; married first Esther Smith, probably of Amherst, Dec. 12, 1785; and who died probably about the winter of 1801-2; married second Catherine Smith, daughter of Silas and Lavinia (Lovina Houghton of Lancaster) Smith about 1802-3; born Dec. 23, 1779, died Oct. 31, 1863, age 84 years, buried in So. Amherst cemetery.

*See following pages for more details of his life.*

#### CHILDREN, SIXTH GENERATION

*Born at Nuttingville—South Amherst, Mass.*

#### First Marriage

**A1** George, b. Sept. 9, 1786; d. Aug. 1, 1838; m. Judith Hastings.

**A2-3-4-5** 4 other children, born later, died in infancy.

#### Second Marriage

**B1** i Ebenezer, b. Nov. 17, 1803; d. Apr. 30, 1886; m. Emily Kneeland.

**B2** ii Esther, b. March 7, 1805; d. Sept. 5, 1877; m. Caleb Carver.

**B3** iii Truman, b. Feb. 3, 1807; d. Sept. 23, 1891; m. (1) Lucinda Graves, (2) Mary (Spencer) Nutting.

**B4** iv Lucretia, b. March 11, 1809; d. Nov. 15, 1865; m. Benjamin Boynton.

**B5** v Freeman, b. Sept. 3, 1811; d. Dec. 7, 1853; m. Mary Spencer.

**B6** vi Porter, b. Jan. 14, 1814; d. March 4, 1895; m. (1) Margaret Hartwell, (2) Tryphosa Hartwell, (3) Susan Field, (4) Alice Dam.

**B7** vii Leonard, b. Aug. 24, 1816; d. March 23, 1847; m. Ardelia Fairfield.

**B8** viii Levi, b. Jan. 7, 1819; d. March 4, 1898; m. (1) Martha Dickinson, (2) Mary Foster, (3) Luthera Winter.

**B9** ix Emily Angeline, b. May 14, 1821; d. July 1, 1890; m. George Howe.

**B10** x Emerson, b. May 16, 1824; d. Sept. 18, 1848; m. Harriet Nash.

**B11** xi Catherine Maria, b. Nov. 2, 1829; d. Sept. 19, 1905; m. Henry Bishop.



## Story of John Nutting and His Family

AT NUTTINGVILLE, MASS., AND FARIBAULT, MINN.

Massachusetts—1785-1855—70 years      Minnesota—1855-1925—70 years

By the Author

The ancestry, birth, childhood and young manhood of our Revolutionary forefather, John Nutting, are covered more or less in detail in the preceding pages.

At the age of 23 he was married. This was Dec. 12, 1785 and two years later he built a house on the Old Bay Road and began his career as a farmer and founder of the little hamlet, which came to be known as—Nuttingville, after him and the families of children and grandchildren which followed.

The Bay Road, as it was called, was the old stage road across the state of Massachusetts from Boston, on the Atlantic Ocean on the east, to Albany on the Hudson River and Erie Canal to the west. The road ran along the north foot of the Holyoke Range of mountains in the central part of the state. Due to the fertility of the soil, washed down from the sides of the mountains, the springs of never-failing waters flowing down in little brooklets, and the convenience of this road for communication back and forth with the outside world—our John Nutting was doubtless induced to cast his lot at the particular spot on the road where he did.

John Nutting's house was on the south side of the Bay Road with beautiful Mount Norwottuck rising gracefully in the back. Some of the buildings of the old homestead are still standing although somewhat changed from the early days. The homesite was near the junction of the Bay Road with a branch road called East Street, running off in a northerly direction to the village of South Amherst about two miles away.

From the Old Account Book of his friend and neighbor Elisha Smith we get vivid glimpses of the daily routine of life of our ancestor John Nutting throughout some 25 years of the prime and most active period of his career. It is quite evident from this most interesting and valuable relic, that he was principally engaged in rearing his large family of boys and girls, affording them, as best he could, the meager advantages of a country school education—while between times—they helped him work his typical New England farm on the slopes of the Holyoke Mountains, for the producing of the modest necessities of life. (See page 45).

Although he did not live to be a very old man, still he did live out his three score and ten and more. In his declining years may we not picture him as a man whose disposition, temperament and daily life among those about him, might be summed up in the following lines by Walter Ross—

*O let me live in a house by the side of the road.*

*Where the race of men goes by,*

*The men who are good and the men who are bad,*

*As good and as bad as I.*

*I would not sit in the scorners seat,*

*Nor hurl the cynic's ban.*

*O let me live in a house by the side of the road.*

*And be a friend to man.*

John Nutting was certainly a devoutly religious man, doing his part to live the life himself and instil in his children and those he came in contact with, the Christian virtues and principles handed down to him through his long line of ancestry back to his first forefather in the country, John Nutting of Groton, Mass., who was wont to take up his abode "Nigh unto the Meeting House."

He was past 72 years old when he died July 28, 1834. He was buried in the beautiful little cemetery on the road between Nuttingville and South Amherst. At the head of his grave is a marble slab with the inscription thereon:—

JOHN NUTTING

Died

July 28, 1834

Aged 72 yrs.

*"He is not here for he is risen."*

Close by, on an iron standard, is the Bronze Maltese Cross, Emblem of the Soldiers of the American Revolution, with the marking S. A. R., 1775, and floating from the top of it today is the flag of our country, and his, which he helped to establish and for us, the living and those who follow—to perpetuate in all its Glory and Majesty among the Nations of the earth.

Thus we pay our respects to John Nutting of Nuttingville, the one most important and central figure, linking one of the strongest branches of the Nutting family in America with the generations of the past.

JOHN NUTTING'S FAMILY—GROWTH OF NUTTINGVILLE

GROWN to manhood and womanhood, most of John Nutting's children married and settled down close to the parental homestead, because immediately before the migration of several of his children and their families to Minnesota along in the early 50's, we see by the map of Nuttingville made by one of his grandsons, Elijah G. Nutting, that there were some half dozen or more houses along both sides of the Old Bay Road belonging to relatives of his. Most of these centered about a small stream that came down from the mountain about one-eighth of a mile down the road west toward Northampton from the old John Nutting place. (See map ch. IV).

Ebenezer and Truman, his sons, had dammed up the waters of the brook, forming a small mill pond just under the shadow of the mountain and each had a workshop operated by the water power furnished by the stream. Truman's saw mill and shop was up stream nearest the mountain handy to the native timber which was cut from the sides of the mountain and manufactured into hand planes and other articles of wood. Ebenezer's shop was down the stream a little farther and nearer the Old Bay Road and here were also made planes and a variety of tool handles, articles of furniture, etc.

These little manufacturing enterprises furnished employment and a livelihood for the proprietors and their boys as well as other relatives and neighbors. The old Eben Nutting workshop is still standing as shown in pictures. (Chapter IV, Section I).

Ebenezer had his home on the south side of the Old Bay Road east from his shop and across the road that led up to the sawmill and the mountain. This house is still standing and in a fine state of preservation. It is held for Mr. Holyoke Seminary and used as a summer outing resort for the girl students of the institution.

The old Truman Nutting home was on the north side of the Bay Road and west of the cross road down from the mountain and leading off across the open fields toward South Amherst. As things are today the old house has been moved off and part of it is still in existence as the kitchen part to a house located just across the Bay Road south near the Eben Nutting Work Shop. On the old Truman Nutting home site there is today quite a large modern house owned by a family of Haywards and when the writer was there in the summer of 1923 with his family and friends, Mr. George F. Hayward, the oldish man showing in some of the pictures, told us about the never failing flow of spring water which comes down from the mountain into a little square tank on the end of the kitchen sink overflowing through a waste pipe out of doors. He stated that the water had been flowing constantly summer and winter for the last 75 years and that it had been originally brought down from the mountain in hollow wooden pipes by Truman Nutting's folks when they lived in the old house located over the spot. Needless to say, we all took a long refreshing drink of the clear, cold spring water on that hot summer afternoon, our minds filled with sober thoughts in memory of those of our ancestors of long ago who had themselves quenched their thirst and cooled their perspiring brows at the same fountain head.

Levi Nutting had his home on the south side of the Bay Road also, and near that of his brother Eben, while Wyman Hoyt, who married Louisa Nutting oldest daughter of Truman Nutting, had his home on the north side of the road near the father Truman's.

The youngest daughter Catherine of our ancestor John Nutting married Henry Bishop and they settled on the south side of the Bay Road. Their daughter Emily married Dwight Thayer and she, now a widow, lives in a brick house diagonally across the Bay Road from the old Bishop place.

Near the old John Nutting place there was, and still is, a road branching off from the Old Bay Road in a northerly direction running to South Amherst. On this road near its junction with the Bay Road was located the Methodist Chapel where Ebenezer Nutting used to preach and all the Nuttings used to attend church. A little farther down the road north in a brick building was the District School where Emily Nutting used to teach. North of this, between Nuttingville and South Amherst, is the old Cemetery in a beautiful grove of trees and a wonderful outlook to the west. It is kept up in the best shape of any of the old cemeteries we saw anywhere on our travels in the east, credit being due we understand, to the enterprise of the Town Authorities of old South Amherst.

Still farther down the road north and about 2 miles from Nuttingville practically in the village of South Amherst, is the beautiful White Church built by the oldest son George of our ancestor John Nutting, back just 100 years ago in the year 1825. It is painted pure white and stands out



in beautiful contrast with the green foliage of the trees surrounding it. It is in a wonderful state of preservation and is typical of many other New England churches which are to be found up and down the length and breadth of all that part of our country and constituting one of the chief attractions to tourists and those who can boast of being her native sons and daughters.

The Country store and Post Office for both the villages of South Amherst and the hamlet of Nuttingville has always been at the village proper where it stands today practically unchanged from those early days when the Post Office was first established there in the year 1841. (Some authorities say 1838).

John Nutting's second wife, grandmother Catherine as she came to be called, after the death of her husband, continued to live in the old homestead until she died some 29 years later. Her youngest daughter, Catherine Bishop and family lived with her. In her later years she was blind and I have heard my father, who was her grandson, tell the little amusing story about her, which runs as follows:—

Along in the 30's the first railroad anywhere in those parts was built and the advent of the first train over the road was an occasion of great interest in all the countryside round about. Members of the Nutting Tribe at Nuttingville had been away to see the wonderful sight of a steam locomotive drawing a train of cars, which in those days were sort of stage coach affairs on four wheels to run on a track—several of these coaches being coupled together to make up the train. In describing the locomotive and its train to blind Grandmother Nutting they worked up to a point where they said; "Yes Grandmother, they could have taken all the Nuttings in Nuttingville and still have had room for more." At this she exclaimed—"I should think they would have *Burst their Boiler.*"

This characteristic in her may account for the strain of wit and humor which crops out in different ones of her descendants of both sexes even to the present day.

Grandmother Catherine Nutting lived to a ripe old age and at her death she was buried beside her husband in the village cemetery. The marble slab at the head of her grave reads as follows:—

CATHERINE  
Widow of  
John Nutting  
Died Oct. 31, 1863  
Age 84 yrs.  
*Inscription—*

For a period of some 60 or 70 years and up to the early 50's the tribe of Nuttings' of Nuttingville with John Nutting as its founder held sway over the little hamlet. Some of his sons and daughters had married and gone away to establish homes in other nearby parts of the state of Massachusetts.

Ebenezer married Emily Kneeland and settled in Florence. They had 3 sons and 2 daughters, they being of the 7th Generation.

Porter settled in Northampton, was married 4 times having altogether 5 sons and 2 daughters.

Leonard married and went to Boston and died there. He had one daughter.

Esther married Caleb Carver and they settled in Shutesbury. She had a long line of descendants, but of course not of the Nutting name. There were 8 children.

Lucretia married Benjamin Boynton and they lived in Shutesbury and Northampton. She too had 8 children but of her husband's name.

## THE MIGRATION

It was not until the early 50's when the "western fever" struck into the minds and hearts of 4 of the Nutting families left at Nuttingville, that the real breakup and disintegration of the tribe in that particular community set in. These families for the most part drove overland by team to Minnesota and finally settled in Faribault thus establishing what we might call the Faribault Nutting Colony, where for another half century or more they flourished as to numbers at least, which at times like the annual Thanksgiving gatherings have counted up into the 40's and 50's most of them bearing the Nutting name.

Truman's first wife was Lucinda Graves and they had 8 sons and 2 daughters being of the 7th generation and all living to adult age except the youngest daughter.

These 8 sons, their families and descendants made up the bulk of the Faribault Minnesota Colony after 1855, and for a time, I believe it safe to say, constituted the largest aggregation of Nuttings anywhere in the country since the palmy days of Nuttingville, Mass.

After the death of Truman's first wife Lucinda in 1854 and his brother Freeman in 1853, he married his brother Freeman's widow, Mary (Spencer) Nutting and there were 3 daughters by this marriage.

Freeman's family consisted of 4 daughters who came to live in the Truman Nutting household. Hence there was a time when there were 3 sets of children living under the roof of Truman Nutting.

Emily married George Howe and she had one son and one daughter.

Levi was married 3 times and had altogether 2 sons and 4 daughters, one son dying young, thus leaving one son only to perpetuate the Nutting name in his family.

The Nutting women of these several Faribault families who married, continued the Nutting blood in the Faribault Colony but under other names. At a Nutting 4th of July Picnic held in Faribault in 1880, there were 101 persons present, all related, a goodly number of them still carrying the Nutting name.

As stated in the introduction, the writer, belonging to the 8th generation, happens to be the only male person left in Faribault carrying the family name, after its rise and fall over a period of 70 years in and about this particular locality.

Other male descendants of the early Nutting comers here are scattered throughout the more northerly parts of the state, but sad to relate, the Nutting name is on the decline rather than on the increase throughout Minnesota and the Northwest.

I do not know of but one representative of any other of the 4 main branches of the family tree in these parts, that being John Nutting of Northfield, Minn., who is a descendant of the first son of John Nutting of Groton, Mass., our original ancestor in this country. His children again are girls as well as my own, so the prospects are slim for continuing the Nutting name in this part of the country.

#### FEW REMAINED AT NUTTINGVILLE

Back in the 50's there only remained in and about Nuttingville, Mass. one of John Nutting's children by his second wife to keep up the family traditions at the little hamlet and none to perpetuate the Nutting name.

Emerson married Harriet Nash. They had 2 children but they both died young and Emerson died in 1848.

Catherine, youngest daughter of John Nutting, married Henry Bishop. There were 3 children in this family. She with one daughter Emily Thayer, remained to preserve the old family homestead and keep alive the memories of bygone days.

The only surviving son, George, of John Nutting by his first wife, had married Judith Hastings back in 1809 and they settled in South Amherst. They had 2 sons and 7 daughters—the sons settling in other parts. Although most of these daughters married, had families and lived in and about old South Amherst, there is no male descendant left there to keep the family name alive in that community.

So these two experiences of the Nutting name along the "Bay Road," Massachusetts and the "Cannon River Country," Minnesota, furnish striking examples of the processes by which family names everywhere have their rise and fall—but let us hope that in the course of human events, the Nutting name may still continue to spring up here and there and run its course throughout the length and breadth of the country and the world, as other succeeding cycles of time come and go.

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### **Elisha Smith**

*Intimate friend and associate of*

**JOHN NUTTING**

Possibly some blood relation to John Nutting's first wife  
Esther (Smith) Nutting.

*History of Amherst, page 24*

**ELISHA SMITH**

*son of*

Peter Smith and Amy (Ame) Bissell of Windsor, Conn.

*son of*

Chileab Smith 2

*son of*

Chileab Smith who was in Hadley in 1673



*History of Amherst, page 184*

Elisha Smith was son of Peter who came to the 3rd Precinct between 1739 and 1745 (and died about the middle of the year 1787 as evidenced by entries in old account book of Elisha Smith as administrator of his father's will) and grandson of Chileab Smith of Hadley.

He married in 1782 Ursula, daughter of Deacon John Billings by whom he had children—Jerusha, Lucretia, Achsah, Peter, Polly and Elisha, Jr.

He had a brother Chileab.

Elisha Smith—Licensed retailer of Liquor in Amherst 1780 and Inn-keeper. Selectman 1782, (1785-7), (1789-91), (1794-96). Clerk of South East Middle School 1824. Moderator 1783-1796. Representative in General Court 1810-11. Town Clerk 1820-22.

*Note—W.M.N.*

*No definite record has been found of who Esther Smith, John Nutting's first wife, was.*

*Is it not a curious coincident, however, that her name (Smith) is the same as that of John Nutting's intimate friend and associate Elisha (Smith) during the few years of John's marriage to Esther up to the time of her death which occurred probably about the winter of 1801-2. In the Old Elisha Smith Account Book we find—; March 23, 1802—"George Nutting" (who was the only surviving son of Esther and John Nutting) "came to live with me and is to have two thirds of the wages that men have on an average the current year in Amherst."*

*This fact would indicate that there had arisen some unusual condition in the domestic life at the home of John and Esther (Smith) Nutting, probably the death of Esther, shortly before the date of the son George leaving home. Hence can we not conjecture that Esther's death occurred sometime during the winter of 1801-2?*

*Furthermore, the fact that John Nutting and Elisha Smith were such good friends and that the boy George on the death of his mother "came to live" with this friend Elisha Smith—could very logically lead to an assumption that there might have been a blood relationship between Elisha Smith and Esther Smith.*

## **Old Elisha Smith Account Book**

*with glimpses of*

JOHN NUTTING and son GEORGE of South Amherst

### **THE BOOK ITSELF**

Photographs of the covers and some pages of this nearly 150 year-old account and memorandum book are shown here and in the illustrated Chapter IV, Section 1. It was loaned for this work by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. King, keepers of the old store and Post Office of South Amherst, Mass. Mrs. King is a descendant of George Nutting, oldest son of John Nutting, both of whose names appear many times throughout the book as evidence of their dealings with this Elisha Smith.

The book was evidently made in England as the paper from which the pages are made bear "trade mark" of a crown and the initials G. R. The covers are bound in thin tough leather of light brown color and, although

strongly made, the entire book is much worn, dilapidated and faded from long hard use of earlier years and sore neglect in later years. It contains 136 leaves or 272 pages of journal ruled paper completely filled with debit and credit accounts and memoranda relating to many people who were residents of South Amherst and vicinity, friends and neighbors of Elisha Smith its original owner, and doubtless the person who wrote the bulk of the entries in his own hand with pen and ink.

The book covers a period of some 37 years from the time of the first entries in 1787 to and including the year 1823. Money items up to about the time of the War of 1812 were entered in English money "Pounds Sterling." After that time money values were reckoned in United States "Dollars and Cents." There is a curious looking hole pierced clear through the book, plainly seen in the picture, about two thirds of the way up from the bottom. It looks as though it might have been made by a bullet or an ugly iron spike. I will leave it to the imagination of the reader to figure it out how it came there. The book when turned over to me, was filled with autumn leaves, probably placed there for pressing by some adult or child years ago.

#### ITS ORIGINAL OWNER

On the front cover, near the top, is written in ink (now almost obliterated) "Elisha Smith" and toward the bottom in plainer ink "E. Smith & Son" (The History of Amherst shows there was an Elisha Smith, Junior, but all the dealings of our John Nutting recorded in the book were with the older Elisha Smith.

Elisha Smith, according to this same authority, was a resident of South Amherst during the time covered by the book and besides doing farming, was a tavern keeper and held various offices of Selectman, Town and School Clerk. As evidenced by the numerous entries of business transactions between Elisha Smith and John Nutting over a period of 25 years, Sept. 14, 1787 to Jan. 8, 1812, these two men must have been very close friends exchanging works with each other of their own labors and those of their helpers together with their oxen, horses and farming tools.

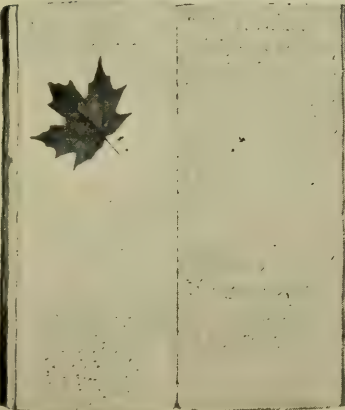
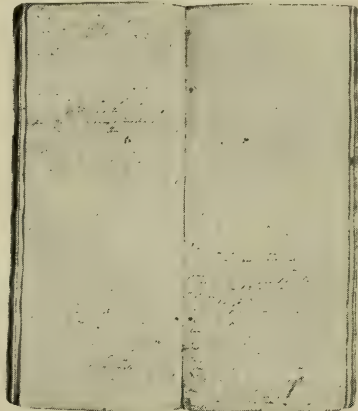
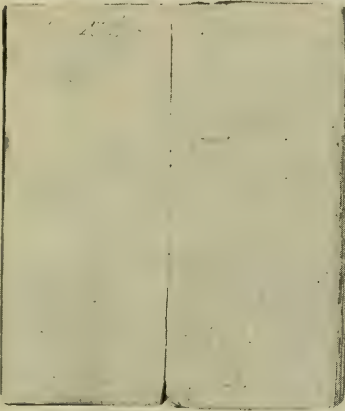
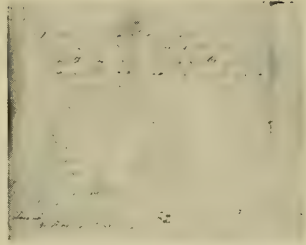
#### JOHN NUTTING AND HIS HOUSE—(See picture Chapt. IV, Sec. 1)

In the first place Elisha Smith helped our John Nutting get to keeping house in his own home on the Old Bay Road approximately 2 years after John had married his first wife Esther Smith, (who, by the way, might have been related to Elisha Smith). Sept. 14, 1787 we have the entry in the old account book:—

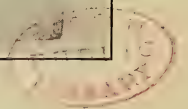
"Account of work done by me Elisha Smith at the house we built for John Nutting."

Numerous entries pertaining to this house are made up to Dec. 4, 1787 when we have a notation:—

"The sum total of what I Elisha Smith had done to the house built for John Nutting at the day of the date hereof is 9 pounds 17 shillings 0 pence. (See upper right hand corner of pictures opposite). These records definitely establish the time and nature of the materials used in the building



OLD ELISHA SMITH ACCOUNT BOOK







of the Old John Nutting House on the Bay Road a picture of which house as it looked in former years and before it fell into the hands of strangers, is found elsewhere in this work. (Chapter IV. Part I).

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE DAILY LIFE OF JOHN NUTTING

Items of debit and credit back and forth between Elisha Smith and our John Nutting, reveal the nature of the activities and the simple routine of life and living of our ancestor, over these 25 years, representing the prime of his young married life and doubtless his hardest working days. We take a few debit items as follows:—

Oct. 2, 1788 John Nutting to Elisha Smith Dr. "More for man and oxen half a day to draw logs off your new land. More for sowing your new land."

May 6, 1789 "More for a day myself, oxen and plough to break up; June 24 a day and a half hoeing; July 8 a day and two thirds work at hay, etc."

Oct. 1-2, 1789 "More for my oxen and plough to break up three acres and a half; More a day to harrow and for sowing 2 acres of wheat."

June 22, 1790 "More for half a day oxen and draft to draw logs at mill." Feb. 4, 1796 "More for my horse and steers to stead for John Nutting to mill and from swamp half a day."

Throughout the book are charges to our John for such items as Seed grain and corn for planting his fields, and for domestic use—Shoes and the mending of same for himself, wife and son George, besides beef, cheese, etc., for use on the table. Among the last items, Elisha Smith had charged to John were two, possibly especially worthy of note—Oct. 11, 1811 "More for two barrels of cyder of all sweet apples," and Jan 8, 1812, "More for three pounds five ounces of tobacco 1s 8d." He evidently enjoyed a mild "bracer" and was a good smoker.

That John Nutting and his oldest son George exchanged works with Elisha Smith, is shown in numerous items of Credit which Elisha allowed them on his book. Following are a few:—

Sept. 8, 1790 "More for three days yourself, oxen and horse to plough." "More for one quarter of a day to help fix up my log fence at the swamp."

Oct. 4, 1798 "More for a day and a quarter at moving back wheat and shingling." "More for George a day to pull off shingles." "More for George two days to drive plough." (George was 12 years old at this time.)

Aug. 7, 1799 "More for cradling five acres and a half of oats and wheat. (Evidently our John was a strong, robust man to tackle a job of that magnitude in the hot summertime of the year. He was smaller of stature than most men being only 5ft., 4 inches tall, according to his War records.)

## JOHN NUTTING'S AUTOGRAPH

Settlement of accounts between Elisha Smith and John Nutting appear occasionally throughout the years of their dealings together—a sample of which is shown in the photographs and which reads:—Dec. 29, 1810.

"Then reconed with John Nutting and ballanced all accounts before the Date hereof."

Witness our hands

JOHN NUTTING  
ELISHA SMITH

Here we have a facsimile of John Nutting's autograph signature and in the absence of anything in the way of a picture of him (it being before the days of photography) we can well consider this our closest and most intimate touch of kinship and appreciation of him as the progenitor of a long line of ancestry common to many, who it is hoped, will peruse these pages as the years come and go.

### THE JONES LIBRARY

Regarding the final disposition and whereabouts of this old Elisha Smith Account Book, I am pleased to say that, through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. King of South Amherst, this old relic of bygone days is to be permanently lodged, for safekeeping and reference, in the archives of the Jones Library at Amherst, Mass., in custody of Charles R. Green, Librarian.—W.M.N.

## Official War Records

OF

### "LITTLE JOHN OF NORTHAMPTON"

*Through the courtesy of Mrs. L. L. Campbell of Northampton, Mass., we are indebted for an official copy of the War Record of John Nutting of Northampton, as follows—*

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Office of Secretary

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE

of

JOHN NUTTING

John Nutting Appears in a descriptive List of Enlisted Men belonging to Hampshire Co. Age 17 years. Stature, 5 ft., 4 in. Complexion dark. Hair black, Term of enlistment, 9 mos. In Capt. Cook's Co. Col. Chapin's Regiment. Residence, Northampton. Raised by Resolve of June 9, 1779. Volume 42, Page 136.

John Nutting Appears in a list of Nine Months Men. Time of entering service July 14, 1779. Time of discharge April 14, 1780. Colonel's Co. 12th Regiment. Volume 27, Page 63.

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Secretary

Boston, June 12, 1896.

I certify the foregoing to be true abstracts from the Record Index to the Revolutionary War Archives deposited in this office.

L.S.

(Signed) WM. M. OLIN.

Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth

Secretary.



WAR RECORD OF JOHN NUTTING (5) OF SOUTH AMHERST  
"LITTLE JOHN OF NORTHAMPTON"

*as furnished by Charles H. Nutting, Boston.*

*From Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution, Page 578, Vol. XI. On file Secretary of State's Office, State House, Boston, Mass.*

"John Nutting, descriptive list of men raised in Hampshire Co. to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 9 mos. agreeable to Resolve of June 9th, 1779 as returned by Noah Goodman, Superintendent; Captain Cook's Company, Col. Chapin's Regiment, age 17 years, stature, 5 ft., 4-inches, hair black, engaged for Town of Northampton.."

*On Page 571, Vol. XI there is a further record under a different spelling of "Nutting" as follows—*

"John Nutting, list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 9 months, agreeable to resolve of June 9, 1779 returned as received of Noah Goodman, Supt. for Hampshire County by Justin Ely, Commissioner, dated Springfield; also descriptive list of men returned as received of Justin Ely, Commissioner, by Capt. James Cooper, at Springfield, July 19, 1779. Capt. Cook's Company, Col. Chapin's regiment, age 17 years, stature 5 feet, four inches, hair dark, engaged for Town of Northampton: also Colonel's Company, 12th Mass. Reg., entered service July 14, 1779, discharged April 14, 1780, term nine months."

"As I understand it, Col. Chapin was in command of the 2nd Hampshire Regiment, Mass. Militia. A certain portion of the men enlisted in that Regiment, were transferred to serve in the Continental Army, and evidently Col. Chapin joined the 12 Mass. Reg. as a Captain of one of the Companies, *evidently the one that grandfather was connected with.* They were mustered in at Springfield, later proceeded to Hartford, and from there to Litchfield, and then to West Point, from which point they were distributed among the various Continental Regiments. The 12th Regiment Massachusetts, was commanded by Ebenezer Sprout, Lieut. Colonel. His record is shown on Page 777, Vol. XIV. He was commissioned Sept. 29, 1778, and he served also from Jan. 1, 1780 to Dec. 31, 1780, and on Aug. 28th 1779, his returns of Officers' clothing was dated "*Camp at Lower Salem*" which I understand is in York State about West and not a great ways from Manchester, Vermont. *It is evident that grandfather was with him.* But after four months service, presumably through the summer and fall, these troops were removed to Fishkill barracks, and were held there until discharged in April, 1780. This latter was obtained from Page 423, 2nd Vol. J. R. Trumbull's History of Northampton."

"John was not at Fort Ticonderoga (as stated by Rev. John K. Nutting Genealogy). The Old Fort was dismantled in order to get the guns at the seige of Boston and for use elsewhere. They may have had in mind

the blocking of the entrance from Canada when they placed troops at New Salem, but I have an idea it was more because of good training quarters and the war was pretty well to the south at that time."

### NAME ON TABLET

The name of our John Nutting is engraven on the Tablet of Revolutionary War Soldiers in the Memorial Hall at Northampton, Mass. It is in the main hallway as you enter the front of the building on the right hand wall.—W.M.N.

### Roads, Settlers, Etc., of Amherst and Vicinity

From Judd's History we read concerning:—

#### ROADS

"The earliest of the roads of Amherst was probably the Bay Road which has undergone more or less change in its position since 1674. Mr. Judd says—The Bay Road was laid out where it now is after 1688 but no record of the change is found."

#### SETTLERS

The first settlers were chiefly from Hadley, Hatfield and Northampton.

#### TOWN OF AMHERST

"The territory known as Amherst was set apart for settlement by legal action of the inhabitants of Hadley in town meeting March 4, 1700. Voted by the town that three miles and one quarter eastward from the meeting house, and so from the north side of Mount Holyoke unto the Mill River shall lye as common land forever, supposing that the line will take in the new swamp."

"Voted that the rest of the commons eastward shall be laid out in three divisions, that is to say, between the road leading to Brookfield and the Mill River."

#### SOUTH AMHERST

"South Amherst another small place in the southeastern part of the Town and south of the Fork River is chiefly sustained by its agricultural interests. It has one establishment for the manufacture of children's carriages, a post office and one church. The village like the preceding Amherst and North Amherst is situated on the line of the New London Northern Railway. The Post Office was established here in 1838."

### Book and Newspaper Accounts on JOHN NUTTING

The following is data taken from the Nutting Genealogy published by Rev. John Keep Nutting in 1908, Page 89.

"John (Ebenezer 4, 3, 2) John 1 was a child of four when orphaned. His mother's friend, Mrs. Hunt, took the little lad, safely trussed up behind her on horseback, to Northampton, where he found a home with the Ly-

mans, who lived near the toll-bridge. At nine, when the "Alarm" came Johnny was helping the hired man to plow. The man was a Minuteman, and instantly left for the seat of war, telling Johnny to bring home the oxen. The lad supposing the Red-Coats were already in town, dared not come home til dark. Soon he began to long for the day when he could enlist. At 16 he did so, and saw service in guarding old Fort Ticonderoga—which by that time did not need much guarding.

"Grown to maturity he married (1) Esther Smith and settled at South Amherst, his farm being on the old Bay Road. He later married (2) Catherine Smith of Whately. His descendants form one of our most numerous and interesting branches."

### **Newspaper Clippings on JOHN NUTTING**

*Following is extract from newspaper account of the death of Porter Nutting of Northampton relative to his father, dated Mar. 4, 1895. It reads;*

"His father, John Nutting of Northampton Meadows, entlisted in the Continental Army at the age of 16. When but four years old John was brought to Northampton and was a boy of nine when the ringing of the village church bell summoned the minute men to arms. The youngster took an active interest in the progress of the war and just as soon as he was old enough to enlist he did so, the protests of his relatives and friends to the contrary notwithstanding. He was in the service for nine months and the story of his war experiences as related by him to his son and by him told to friends made an interesting and unique narrative.

*Following is an extract taken from a newspaper article published April 19, 1903, entitled ONE REAL DAUGHTER. Mrs. Katherine Bishop of South Amherst has received "Gold Spoon."*

"Mrs. Bishop was born in 1829. Her father, John Nutting, was born April 21, 1762, in Cambridge and died July 28, 1834, in South Amherst. His father died at sea. After his father's death, John at the age of four years was brought to Northampton to find a home among friends. When he was nine years old he heard the bells ringing calling the minute men to arms. From that time on his interest in the war continued to grow. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Continental Army in spite of the opposition of his relatives and served nine months, at Ticonderoga and elsewhere. He was enrolled July 14, 1779, and was discharged April 14, 1780. He was credited to the quota from Hampshire county and was assigned to the 12th Regt. Col. Chapin commanded the regiment and Capt. J. Cooper the company. The juvenile soldier was not only young in years but also short of stature. His height is given as 5 feet, 4 inches and his complexion dark.

"After the war he married and settled in South Amherst, living in the house still standing on the Bay Road facing East street. His oldest son, George, became one of the leading citizens of the town. He married for his second wife, Katherine Smith, who bore him 11 children, Ebenezer, Esther, Truman, Lucretia, Freeman, Porter, Leonard, Levi, Emily, Emerson, and



Katherine. Porter was born Jan. 14, 1814, in South Amherst. In 1833 he went to Akron, O. He was a "free soiler," and represented his district in the Legislature. Truman when a minor of 18, paid his father \$45 for his time to his majority and set out for himself. Levi went West to seek his fortune. In January, 1853, he reached St. Paul, Minn. He went on to Faribault, where May 13 of the same year he saw a camp of Sioux Indians in full possession. Nevertheless, he staked out a government claim of 160 acres which he took possession of on his return in 1855. He won a leading position in the new country, and became a State senator, surveyor general and the recipient of many honors. Ebenezer was a Methodist preacher. The family gave name to the hamlet still known as Nuttingville in the southern part of Amherst."

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### **Wives of John Nutting**

John Nutting had two wives, both by the name of Smith. Homer Brainard says:—

"Family traditions say they were sisters. Not so. Catherine was the daughter of Silas and Lavinia (Houghton) Smith, but she had no sister Esther. I have searched long for Esther, but could not find her. Smiths are very numerous about Amherst, Hadley, Hatfield and Northampton."

John Nutting's first wife was Esther Smith and they had 5 children being of the 6th generation. Only one survived to adult age a son George and the head of a long line of posterity.

His second wife was Catherine Smith by whom there were 11 children all surviving to adult age. All married and had families. They were in order of birth—Ebenezer, Esther (Carver), Truman, Lucretia (Boynton), Freeman, Porter, Leonard, Levi, Emily (Howe) Emerson, Catherine (Bishop).

*Early records of John Nutting and family found by Homer W. Brainard*

"Following are all the records as to John Nutting and first wife Esther (Smith) Nutting which are recorded in the old records of the First Congregational Church of Amherst, Mass. No deaths are recorded until 1837. I searched the old cemetery at Amherst and the other at South Amherst, without success for the death of Esther, 1st wife of John Nutting."

Dec. 12, 1785 John Nutting and Esther Smith married.

July 3, 1791 Esther wife of John Nutting baptized.

Sept. 11, 1791 Esther Nutting admitted to full communion.

July 15, 1792 George son of John and Esther Nutting baptized.

The Church at South Amherst was organized about 1824. Records from that time exist. George Nutting and Judith Nutting were members, and dismissed from the First Church of Amherst, but John Nutting's name not found.

John Nutting was not a member either at Amherst First Church or at South Amherst. The graveyard of South Amherst dates from 1819, or that is the date of the oldest stone there. Mrs. Esther Nutting, first wife of

John, has no stone there, and probably died before the graveyard was commenced. We looked over the old stones in the Amherst Cemetery but found nothing.

John Nutting died July 28, 1834, aged 72 years.

His will dated July 3, 1834 is on file at Northampton. He leaves all his property to his wife, Catherine, and makes her and his son Truman executors.

Catherine Nutting, his widow, died Oct. 31, 1863, aged 84 years. She was daughter of Silas and Lavinia (Houghton) Smith of Whately, Mass. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Emily Thayer of South Amherst says that Catherine was not a sister of Esther Smith, first wife of John Nutting. Others say that she was. I do not think it possible, since Silas Smith and Lavinia Houghton were not married until Dec. 1769, thus making Esther too young for marriage at Dec. 1785. (Recorded at Lancaster, Mass.)

### **Esther Smith (Nutting)** First Wife of John Nutting (5)

*Note W.M.N.—There are a number of conflicting authorities as to her identity and the span of her life. Following are my deductions, and convictions, based on authorities quoted.*

In June, 1917 Homer W. Brainard went to Amherst and searched the records very carefully. He says—"I found—

Dec. 12, 1785 John Nutting and ESTHER SMITH married.

Sept. 9, 1786 George born to John and Esther Nutting.

It was Catherine Smith, second wife of John Nutting (5) who was daughter of Silas Smith and wife Lovina Houghton (Smith) of Sterling or Lancaster, Mass. I made long study of the Smiths around Amherst, their name is legion. I COULD NEVER FIND ANY PROOF OF ESTHER'S PARENTAGE. The Silas and Sarah (Preston) Smith of Amherst or So. Hadley did not have a daughter Esther according to Batwood's Hadley Genealogies. I examined headstones in Amherst and South Amherst cemeteries with no result or trace of Esther's grave.

Descendants say that Esther and Catherine—wives of John Nutting (5) were NOT related to each other."

Dec. 4, 1787 Entry in old Elisha Smith Account Book, "The sum total of what I, Elisha Smith, had done to the house built for John Nutting, etc." which fixes the date John and Esther occupied their new home on the Bay Road and marks the beginnings of Nuttingville.

Subsequent dates of 4 other children who died in infancy, not known. (Family Records and Chapin)

July 3, 1791 Esther wife of John Nutting baptized.

Sept. 11, 1791 Esther Nutting admitted to full communion.

July 15, 1792 George, son of John and Esther Nutting baptized. (Records First Congregational Church, Amherst)

Nov. 3, 1797 John Nutting Debtor "More for soleing YOUR WIFE'S pumps, 2 shillings."

Aug. 20, 1800 John Nutting Debtor "More for 2 yards of TOW CLOTH 2 shillings 6 pence. More for soleing George's shoes." THIS

WOULD PROVE CONCLUSIVELY THAT ESTHER WAS ALIVE Nov. 3, 1797 and probably as late as the time the tow cloth was purchased Aug. 20, 1800.

Mar. 23, 1802 "GEORGE NUTTING (15 yrs. old) CAME TO LIVE WITH ME and is to have two thirds of the wages that men have on an average in Amherst." This would indicate that something unusual had happened at the home of John and Esther Nutting. PROBABLY THE DEATH OF ESTHER and probably a short while before the last date above. Let us say it was probably sometime during the winter of 1801-2. (Elisha Smith Account Book)

ESTHER SMITH (Nutting) POSSIBLY RELATED TO ELISHA SMITH. On page 176, Book 75 Register of Deeds Hampshire County, "Deed March 11, 1835, Catherine and Freeman Nutting (Administrators of estate of John Nutting deceased) to Porter Nutting—LAND IN THE 3rd DIVISION AMHERST LATELY OWNED BY JOHN NUTTING and one of the boundries shows 'EASTERLY BY LAND OWNED BY ELISHA SMITH 108 rods.' Elisha Smith undoubtedly lived next to John Nutting and I think that ESTHER WAS PROBABLY CONNECTED WITH HIS FAMILY and that was one of the reasons for JOHN'S locating where he did on the Bay Road." (Chas. H. Nutting, Boston).

### **Catherine Smith (Nutting)**—2nd Wife of JOHN NUTTING

*related to*

SOPHIA SMITH—FOUNDER OF SMITH COLLEGE

The following communication and data is dated Northampton, Mass. Dec. 29, 1928, by Mabel I. Spear.

"The table proves beyond a doubt that we are related to SOPHIA SMITH who founded Smith College and to her uncle Oliver, who founded the Smith Charities and the Smith Agricultural School.

"I have been told in my younger days that Great-Grandmother Catherine was a cousin of Sophia Smith, and I am glad to have it substantiated."

### Genealogy of CATHERINE SMITH (Nutting) and SOPHIA SMITH (Forbes Library)

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|-----|--|--|
| i   | Lieut. Samuel Smith and wife Elizabeth.            |  |
| ii  | John, born about 1637; m. Mary Partridge.          |  |
| iii | Joseph, born 1670; m. Canada Waite (see clipping). |  |
| iv  | Sarah, b. Oct. 4, 1707, m. Elisha Smith            | iv Samuel, b. 1715, m. Mary Mor-ton      |
| v   | Silas, m. Lavinia Houghton                         | v Oliver, b. Jan. 20, 1766, unm.         |
| vi  | CATHERINE, b. Dec. 23, 1779, m. JOHN NUTTING       | v Joseph, b. Nov. 7, 1758, m. Lois White |
|     |  | vi SOPHIA, b. Aug. 27, 1796, unm.        |



## WELLS HISTORY OF HATFIELD

Lieut. Samuel Smith (1) with his wife Elizabeth and four children Samuel 9 yrs., Elizabeth 7 yrs., Mary 4yrs., and Philip 1 yr.; sailed in the Elizabeth of Ipswick, England for New England, Apr. 30, 1634. He and his wife were then called 32 years of age. He came from Wethersfield, Conn., to Hadley, Mass., where he held important offices in Church and State. He is supposed to have died in 1680, aged 78. His wife Elizabeth died March 16, 1686, aged 84.

*Note W.M.N.—It is evident from the Genealogy table above, of Catherine Smith (Nutting) and Sophia Smith, that their ancestor John Smith was born to Samuel and Elizabeth Smith after they, with their family of four small children, born in England, had come to America. In other words—four children born in England before sailing in 1634 and John, the ancestor of Catherine and Sophia Smith born 1637 in America.*

*Catherine Smith (Nutting) and Sophia Smith although retaining their relationship of distant cousins, would not ordinarily have had the same maiden names of (SMITH) except for the fact that Catherine's grandmother, Sarah Smith, happened to marry a man by the name of SMITH which perpetuated the name through his son Silas to Catherine.*

*Furthermore this ELISHA SMITH (grandfather of Catherine Smith) (Nutting) was evidently not the ELISHA SMITH of South Amherst who was the friend of our John Nutting and his first family by Esther Smith (Nutting).*

## CLIPPING

The Village Improvement Society of Hatheld has ordered a slate stone to replace the old one on the grave of Canada Waite Smith in the old Hill burial ground. The new stone will be an exact copy of the old one and will bear this inscription: "Canada Waite Smith, wife of Mr. Joseph Smith who died May 5, 1749, in the 72d year of her age." Canada Waite was the daughter of Benjamin Waite, the famous hero of the early days of the Hatfield settlement, who, with one companion, pushed through the forests in mid-winter to rescue and ransom those taken prisoners by the Indians in September of 1677. Her mother was among the captives and the little girl was born in Canada, January 22, 1678, and named after the country of her birth. The little, worn, red shoe which she wore on the journey back is one of the relics of the Deerfield Memorial Hall, Sophia Smith, founder of Smith College and Smith Academy, was the great granddaughter of Canada Waite Smith.—*Hampshire Gazette, Dec. 29, 1928.*

**Old Family Records**

*Copied from Samuel H. Nutting's Record*

Marguerite (Margie) Nutting Spring

Samuel H. Nutting

Children of Porter Nutting and Tryphosa Hartwell

Porter Nutting was son of John Nutting whose father (John) was a

sea captain. John had only one brother, Ebenezer, younger than John, who died at the age of two. John lived to be 72.

John married Kate Smith 2nd wife. She died aged 84. Her father's name was Silas Smith. Her mother was a Houghton from Lancaster.

John Nutting's mother's name was Mary Russell. John had two wives first one was Esther Smith who bore him five children, but only one lived to be over 2 years old. His name was George Nutting. He married Judith Hastings.

John's 2nd wife was Kate Smith. They had 11 children as follows—Ebenezer, Esther, Truman, Lucretia, Freeman, Porter, Leonard, Levi, Emily, Emerson, Catherine.

Ebenezer married Emily Kneeland, had 5 children.

Esther married Caleb Carver, had 7 children.

Truman married Lucinda Graves, had 10 children. His 2nd wife was Mary, widow of Freeman, by whom she had 4 children. She also had 3 children by Truman.

Lucretia married Benjamin Boynton. They had 7 children.

Freeman married Mary Spencer by whom he had 4 daughters.

Porter married Margaret Hartwell of Northampton, one child John. Porter's 2nd wife was Tryphosa Hartwell, 2 children. Porter's 3rd wife Susan Field, 2 children. Porter's 4th wife Alice Dam, 3 children.

## FAMILY RECORD

*As copied from hand written sheet loaned by Mrs. Abbie Whipple Henry, Amherst, Mass. March 12, 1926.*

Silas Smith, died Dec. 2, 1805, aged 71 years.

Lovina Smith, died Apr. 17, 1818, aged 79 years.

Emily Graves, died Aug. 23, 1799, aged 27 years.

John Dickinson, died Oct. 4, 1821, aged 55 years.

Lucretia, died Jan. 9, 1826, aged 51 years.

John Nutting, born Apr. 21, 1762, died July 28, 1834, aged 72 years.

Catherine Nutting, born Dec. 23, 1779, died Oct. 31, 1863, aged 84 yrs.

Ebenezer Nutting, born Nov. 17, 1803; died April 30, 1886, aged 83.

Emily K. Nutting, died Oct. 12, 1892.

Caleb Carver, died May 8, 1879, aged 72.

Esther Smith Carver, born May 7, 1805; died Sept. 5, 1877, aged 72.

Truman Nutting, born Feb. 3, 1807; died Sept. 23, 1891, aged 84.

Lucretia Nutting, died Sept. 11, —, aged 41.

Benjamin Boynton, born Sept. 23, 1812; died Oct. 5, 1864, aged 52

Lucretia Boynton, born March 11, 1809; died Nov. 15, 1865, aged 56.

Capt. George Nutting, born —, 1786; died — 1838, aged 52.

Judith Hastings Nutting, born —, 1786; died —, 1883, aged 97.

John Nutting married Esther Smith Dec. 12, 1785. First and only living child Capt. George Nutting born Sept. 9, 1786; died Aug. 1,

1838. (Town Records).

Freeman Nutting, born Sept. 3, 1811; died Dec. 7, 1853, aged 41.

Mary ———.

Porter Nutting, Jan. 14, 1814; died ———, 1899.

Margaret, Sept. 17, 1816; died May 30, 1839, aged 22.

Tryphosa, born Oct. 21, 1811; died May 7, 1852, aged 40.

Susan H., born May 9, 1831; died Sept. 15, 1865, age 34.

Alice ———.

Leonard Nutting, born Aug. 24, 1816; died March 23, 1847, age 30.

Ardelia Nutting, died ———.

Levi Nutting, born Jan. 7, 1819; died ———.

Orilla Nutting ———.

Mary E. Nutting, died Dec. 25, 1856, age 26.

Luthera Nutting ———.

George G. Howe ———.

Emily A. Howe, born May 14, 1821; died July 1, 1890, age 69.

Emerson Nutting, born May 16, 1824; died Sept. 18, 1848, age 24.

Harriet Nutting died ———.

Henry Bishop, born Jan. 18, 1823; died ———.

Catherine M. Bishop, born Nov. 2, 1829; died Sept. 16, 1905, 6 years after Mr. Bishop died.

*Information copied from Family Records in possession of Jennie Nutting (Willard), Faribault, Minn.*

John Nutting, born Apr. 21, 1762; died July 28, 1834, age 72.

Catherine Nutting, born Dec. 23, 1779; died Oct. 31, 1863, age 84.

Ebenezer Nutting, born Nov. 17, 1803; died Apr. 30, 1886, age 83.

Emily Nutting, wife of Ebenezer, died Oct. 12, 1892, age 87.

Caleb Carver died May 8, 1879, age 72.

Esther Nutting Carver, wife of Caleb, born May 7, 1805; died Sept. 5, 1877, age 72.

Truman Nutting, born Feb. 3, 1807; died Sept. 23, 1891, age 84.

Lucinda Graves, wife of Truman, died Sept. 11, 1854, age 41.

Benjamin Boynton, born Sept. 23, 1812; died Oct. 5, 1864, age 52.

Lucretia Nutting Boynton, wife of Benjamin, born Mar. 11, 1809; died Nov. 15, 1865, age 56.

Freeman Nutting, born Sept. 3, 1811; died Dec. 7, 1853, age 42.

Porter Nutting, born Jan. 14, 1814; died Mar. 4, 1894, age 80.

#### *Four Wives of Porter*

Margaret, born Sept. 17, 1816; died May 30, 1839, age 22.

Tryphosa, born Oct. 21, 1811; died May 7, 1852, age 40.

Susan, born May 9, 1831; died Sept. 15, 1865, age 34.

Alice ———.

Leonard Nutting, born Aug. 24, 1816; died Mar. 23, 1847, age 30; married and had one daughter Carrie.

Levi Nutting, born Jan. 7, 1819; died Mar. 4, 1898.



*Three Wives of Levi*

Orilla Dickinson, died Dec. 28, 1846, age 22.

Mary Foster, died Dec. 25, 1856, age 26.

Luthera Winter \_\_\_\_\_.

Maynard a son of Orilla.

Winter, Mary, Clara, children of Luthera.

Emily A. Nutting (Howe), born May 14, 1821; died July 1, 1890, age 69.

Emerson Nutting, born May 16, 1824; died Sept. 18, 1848, age 24.

He had one daughter Harriet by wife Harriet Nash and one son Marion E.

Henry Bishop, born Jan 18, 1823; Died Sept. 16, 1897, age 74.

Catherine Nutting Bishop, died 1829.

Capt. George Nutting, born Sept. 9, 1786; died Aug. 1, 1838.

Judith Hastings, wife of George, born 1786; died 1883, age 97.

## Chapter IV

### PART I



*Northampton - Nuttingville - Bay Road*  
*South Amherst,*  
*Massachusetts*  
(ILLUSTRATED)



### PART II

*Truman Nutting Account Books*

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*“Old Home Day”*  
*South Amherst*

## CHAPTER IV

### PART I

(ILLUSTRATED)

THE ALBANY TAVERN, according to records of the D. A. R., runs back to around 1700, and was used by the Stage that passed by JOHN NUTTING'S PLACE, about 8 miles farther to the east—on the BAY ROAD—between Boston and Albany, before and after 1800. The Tavern House is still standing, the second building on the right, as you cross the Hadley Bridge from the east into Northampton on Bridge Street.

THE HOCKANUM FERRY was the only means of crossing the Connecticut River at this point in the early days and it is understood the Ferry was owned and operated by the Tavern Keeper.

There were several families of LYMANS who lived on Bridge Street. One of them is shown as owning a place on the opposite side of the street from the Tavern.

Family tradition follows the Rev. John K. Nutting account in the statement that—back as far as about the year 1766—;

“JOHN NUTTING was a child of four when orphaned. His mother's friend, Mrs. Hunt, took the little lad, safely trussed up behind her on horseback, to Northampton, where he found a home with the Lyman's who lived near the toll bridge.”

It is therefore safe to assume that:

JOHN NUTTING LIVED FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD OF AROUND 4-YEARS, TO AT LEAST THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR—JULY 17, 1779—AT AGE 17 YEARS—IN AND ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THIS ALBANY TAVERN, THE HOCKANUM FERRY, AND THE HOUSE OF SOME ONE OF THE SEVERAL FAMILIES OF LYMANS IN NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

Chas. H. Nutting says in part:—

“Father evidently referred to the house as located NEAR THE TOLL BRIDGE, but I do not think there was any bridge there in JOHN'S time because he was working for the man who ran the Ferry and while on that Ferry in his youth, A PASSENGER FELL OVERBOARD and JOHN WENT OVER TO RESCUE HIM. He grabbed Little John and carried him to the bottom of the Connecticut River, but John finally broke loose from the drowning man and brought him to the surface, saving the parties life as well as his own—but it came very near a fatality for both.





ALBANY TAVERN OR CLARK'S INN—Northampton, Mass.  
(Photo furnished by C. H. Nutting '28)

BEGINNING AS AN ORPHAN AT THE AGE OF FOUR YEARS  
THE CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH OF  
JOHN NUTTING (5) OF SOUTH AMHERST  
was spent in and about the  
VICINITY OF THE HISTORIC PLACES  
shown on this page.

Here also is where he got the name of  
"LITTLE JOHN OF NORTHAMPTON"



HOCKANUM FERRY AND MOUNT HOLYOKE—Northampton, Mass.  
(From Post Card)



OLD JOHN NUTTING HOMESTEAD (Bay Road)

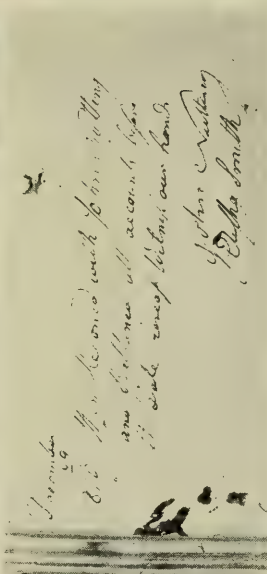
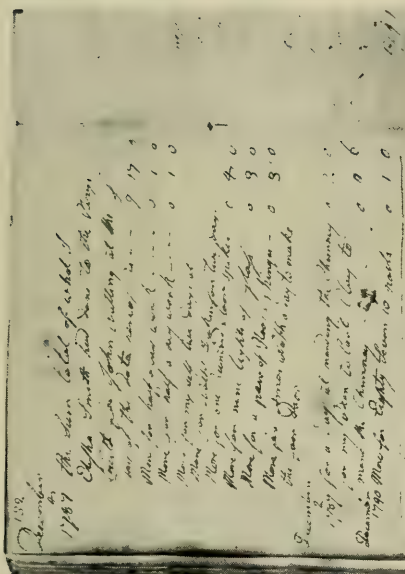
**T**HIS is a picture of the original John Nutting (5) home on the south side of the "Old Bay Road," the main thoroughfare and stage line of olden days between Boston to the east and left, and Albany to the west and right. The signboard in the left foreground points down the branch road toward South Amherst about 2 miles distant. To the back and south only a short distance, but not visible in the picture, is the Holyoke Range of mountains.

Documentary evidence from the Old Account Book of Elisha Smith of South Amherst goes to prove conclusively that this old home of our ancestor John Nutting (5) was built in the year 1787, thus being about 140 years ago. (See next page upper right hand corner), which says:—"December 4, 1787 the sum total of what I, Elisha Smith had done to the house built for John Nutting at the day of the date hereof is &c &c."

Here were born and raised his large family of children who formed the nucleus of a hamlet of NUTTING descendants that sprang up and flourished for half a century in the forepart of 1800, taking the name of Nuttingville with John Nutting as its head and founder and this was the parental house of all the family dwelling places.

Front of this "quaint little cottage door" rumbled the cannon for Commodore Perry's Fleet on Lake Erie in the War of 1812 and heavy carts loaded with supplies passed to and from the "Bay." "Lafayette passed by in a fancy coach when he came through to the dedication of Bunker Hill Monument from Albany in 1824. The whole neighborhood was out to see him and the coach he used was that of Governor Eustis. It is now the property of Henry Ford and on exhibit out at the Wayside Inn at South Sudbury, Mass. As towns in the Connecticut Valley multiplied, the Bay Road became a great thoroughfare. Drove of cattle, sheep and swine raised clouds of dust along the way. "Later came stage coaches driven at furious speed, day and night. The Fast Mail Coach left Boston at 5 o'clock in the morning and reached Bartlett's tavern at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, stopping to water their horses at the wateringplace which was in use for over a hundred years. The Old Bay Road is today almost deserted, a narrow, crooked, grass grown dusty trail. Its traditions are unknown to the present generations and its history will soon be forgotten."

**NOTE**—The main part of the old house is still standing as the L part of a more modern dwelling. The old photograph from which the illustration was made is in the possession of your compiler and had been in the family of his father Elijah G. Nutting for many years.



OLD ELISHA SMITH ACCOUNT BOOK

**T**HIS old relic found in the Store and Post Office of South Amherst is conclusive proof of the time of the building of the house of our John Nutting on the Old Bay Road in the year 1787, (shown on the opposite page.) Here also we have his autograph signature. For further information regarding this old book and its connection with the life and activities of John Nutting cover a period of some 25 years of the prime of his life. (See page 45).

NOTE—The book was loaned for photographing by courtesy of Chas. J. King, Postmaster and Storekeeper, South Amherst, Mass., 1927. It reads "E. Smith & Son" on the cover.





#### THE OLD SOUTH AMHERST CEMETERY

**I**T is situated on the west side of the road between Nuttingville on the Old Bay Road and South Amherst Center. The view is in a northwesterly direction. The two graves in the foreground are those of John Nutting (5) and his second wife Catherine (Smith) Nutting. Many of the earlier descendants and relatives of John Nutting are also buried here. The cemetery is a beautiful spot and well maintained by the town authorities.



#### GRAVESTONE OF JOHN NUTTING (5)

**T**HE inscription reads:

JOHN NUTTING

Died July 28, 1834

Aged 72 yrs.

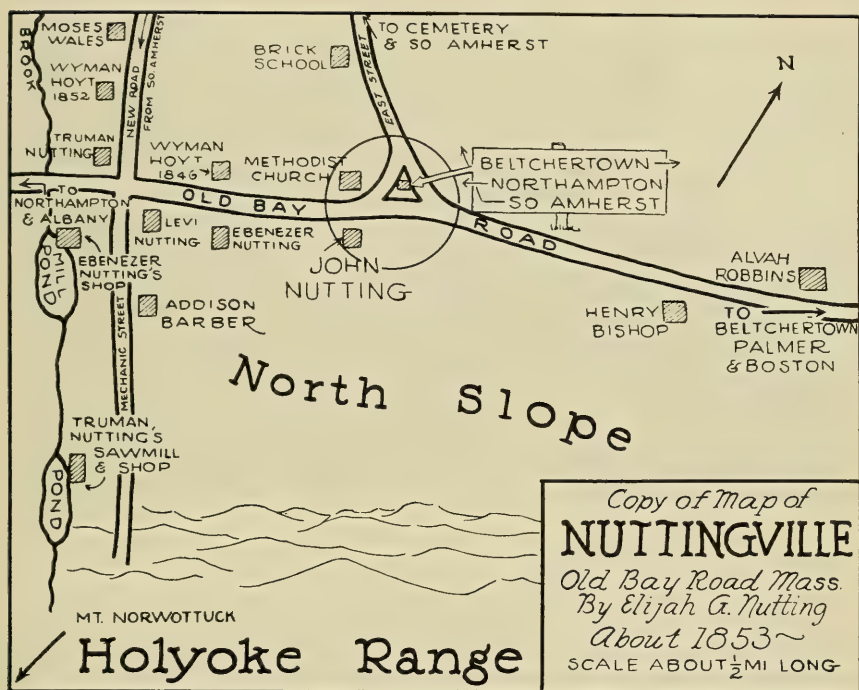
"He is not here for he is risen."

The bronze Maltese Cross is the Emblem of the Soldiers of the American Revolution and is marked:—

S. A. R. 1775

The Stars and Stripes float continually from the top of the standard.

Photos by W. M. Nutting, 1923.



MAP OF NUTTINGVILLE—OLD BAY ROAD—MASS.

THIS map was copied from a sketch made by Elijah Nutting, grandson of John (5), in pencil on the back of an old envelope of the way things looked to him as a boy of 12, around the old community of his birth. This would bring the time of the map about 19 years after the death of our John Nutting, the founder of the Hamlet, who died in 1834. His old home was built in 1787, thus being approximately 65 years before the time of the map, when he first took up his habitation on the Old Bay Road and commenced to farm the fertile "North Slopes" of the Holyoke Mountain Range. The original sketch was made from memory of Elijah about 1820 and is now in possession of his son, your compiler.

History of Amherst, page 47—1896 Edition.

"Feb. 18, 1812, What was known as the 'Mountain Division' was annexed to Amherst, extending the town boundary on the south from the Bay Road to the summit of Mt. Holyoke.

HOLLAND HISTORY OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS Vol. 2, p. 164

Amherst was originally a part of Hadley. It was made the 3rd precinct of Hadley Dec. 31, 1734.

Page 217 it says:—"Besides the reduction of the limits of the old town by the Incorporation of the towns mentioned, the town has been further reduced at four several times since the incorporation of Amherst, by the setting off of lands to that town, namely—(among others) "JOHN NUTTING AND OTHERS WITH A LARGE TRACT OF LAND AT THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER IN 1812."

NOTE—These records would indicate that our John Nutting was the proprietor of a considerable amount of land, for those times, and during the 25 years of dealings and exchange of works with his friend, Elisha Smith, as recorded in the "Elisha Smith Account Book," he had a good part of his lands under cultivation. (See page 63).

Elisha Smith was doubtless one of the petitioners with John Nutting, as we have records elsewhere to indicate that his lands joined those of John Nutting.



NUTTINGVILLE, MASS.—“Beautiful for Situation.”

**T**HIS is a view from near South Amherst, Mass., looking southerly across the fertile plain of the Connecticut Valley, dotted with prosperous farms, to the Holyoke Range in the background. The elevations are called “Knobs” and these by name are: Rattlesnake Knob at the extreme left; Mt. Norwottuck, left center, the highest knob of the range; Bare Mountain at the right toward Mt. Holyoke and the Connecticut River. The depression at the right center is “Turkey Pass” sometimes called “The Notch” the opening over the mountains to the south side.

The Old Historic “Bay Road,” the once main thoroughfare and means of communication between Massachusetts Bay and Boston on the east and Albany on the west, runs the entire length of the picture at the foot of the mountains left to right.

The little Hamlet of Nuttingville is nestled at the foot of the north slope of Mts. Norwottuck and Rattlesnake Knob and scattered along both sides of the Old Bay Road. Additional history, traditions, and pictures of this particular section of the Valley form a considerable part of this undertaking and heretofore unrecorded or else only fragmentary.

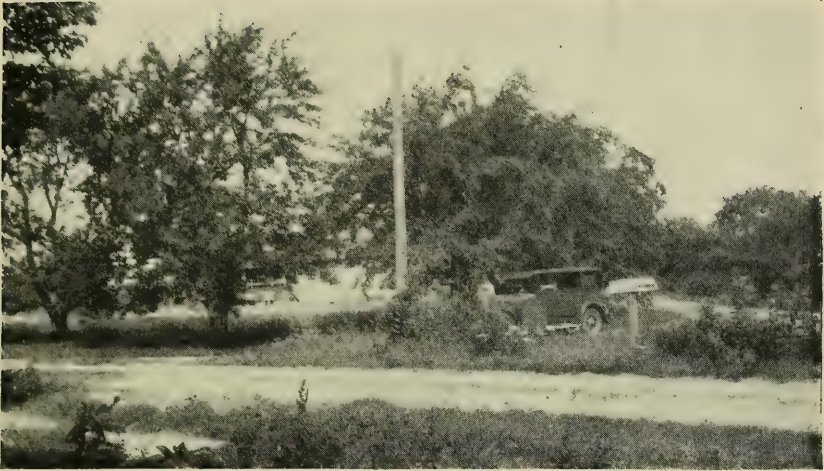
Slightly to the left, off the picture, is the village of South Amherst, being about 2 miles from Nuttingville and the Bay Road, and is the main community center for this particular region of which Nuttingville was a part.

To the back of us is Amherst, proper, the seat of Amherst College, while over the mountain through the “Turkey Pass” is Holyoke where Holyoke College for girls is located. Northampton is to the right on the west bank of the Connecticut River—overlooked by Mt. Holyoke and Mt. Tom, and is the seat of the great American School for girls, Smith College.

The publications “OLD HOME DAY” South Amherst, 1921, by John Hammond and Gertrude Bridgman, and “WHEN WILD TURKEYS WERE COMMON ON MT. HOLYOKE,” by Alice Walker, set forth in glowing languages the natural beauty and setting of this part of the Connecticut River Valley. (See pp. 82 and 90).

Photo W. M. Nutting, 1925.





## NUTTINGVILLE (CENTER)

**T**HIS is a recent picture of what might well have been called "Nuttingville Center" back in the early eighteen hundreds. It is a view taken from the premises of the old John Nutting place in a northwesterly direction across the old Bay Road showing the triangular spot formed by the branching off of the road to South Amherst. It is also shown in the circle on the map elsewhere. (p. 65).

At the extreme left, just off the picture, is the site of the old Methodist Chapel as it was called. It has long since disappeared. Ebenezer Nutting and others used to preach there.

Beyond the pole a short way down the South Amherst Road, now called East Street, is the site of the old District Red Brick School House which we understand has been incorporated into a dwelling house. Emily Nutting taught the school in summer and Baxter Bridgman, (whose wife was Mary Nutting), and Cummings Fish taught in winter. Here several generations of Nuttings obtained what common school education they ever had.

The old sign board shows plainly in the foreground. It reads "Northampton" to the left and "Belchertown" to the right.

This spot logically marks the center around which clustered the homes, activities and associations of the once flourishing little community, called Nuttingville, taking its name from John Nutting as its head and founder back in the latter part of the 18th century and reaching its prime in the forepart of the 19th century just before the migration of several Nutting families in the early 1850's to Minnesota and other parts.

The early life and traditions of the little hamlet are still kept alive down to the present day by a few of the descendants of John Nutting and old neighbors still living there, principal among whom is Mrs. Emily Thayer, granddaughter of our John Nutting (5) and founder of the Hamlet. To her we are indebted for much of the material which has gone to make up this illustrated and descriptive chapter of the present work.

Photo W. M. Nutting, 1925.



**OLD EBENEZER NUTTING HOMESTEAD (Nuttingville)**

**T**HIS house is an exceptionally fine specimen of a modest old colonial home.

It was probably built about 1830 and is in a fine state of preservation today. It is owned by Frank Tona of Holyoke and is devoted to the use of the Senior Class Girls of Holyoke College as a spring and fall outing resort.

The girls in the picture, left to right, are Ada Nutting, Louise Spear, and Ruth Nutting—all of the 9th generation and Great Grand neices of Ebenezer Nutting who was the oldest son of the second family of John Nutting.



**EBENEZER NUTTING WORKSHOP (Nuttingville)**

**T**HIS comparatively large unpainted wooden building is located a little back from the old Bay Road on the southwest corner of the Nutting Crossroads at the north end of the lower mill pond and water power which was fed, in the old days, by a small mountain stream, but which at the present day, is quite dried up and abandoned. From Elijah Nutting, nephew of Ebenezer Nutting, we have the statement, that in the early 50's, planes, handles and various articles of wood were made there.

In the History of Amherst, page 295 it reads—"In 1857 Ebenezer Nutting and son E. Porter Nutting manufactured planes and other tools at a factory in South Amherst." This is the same place.





NUTTING MILL POND (Nuttingville)

**T**HIS is a view northwesterly over the site of the lower Nutting Mill pond hidden by the growth of trees and underbrush and occupying the left half of the picture. The roof and chimney of the old Ebenezer Nutting shop can be seen in the background of buildings. The L part of the white dwelling was originally the Truman Nutting House formerly located across the old Bay Road on the Northwest corner of the Nutting Cross Roads. The road in the right foreground leads up the north slope of the Holyoke Mountains.



THE TRUMAN NUTTING SPRING (Nuttingville)

**T**HIS picture was taken on the back porch of the Geo. Hayward house shown on the next page, located on the site of the old Truman Nutting House. Mr. Hayward shown in the picture, told us that spring water was originally piped down the mountain in hollow logs by the family of Truman Nutting into an open wooden tank at the end of the kitchen sink in the old house and has been running continuously ever since. That was over 75 years ago. Mrs. Hayward stands in the door and the party of Nutting visitors are partaking of some of the clear cold water on that hot July day in 1923. Mr. Hayward who was about 75 years old at this time, has always lived in and about Nuttingville and knew the Nuttings of early days. He died in Sept. 1925.





SITE OF OLD TRUMAN NUTTING HOUSE (Nuttingville Crossroads)

THE house shown in the picture is that of George Hayward which has replaced the old Truman Nutting House, long since moved across the road and shown at top of previous page. The Nutting family occupied the old house on this site up to the time they moved to Minnesota in the early 50's.

The picture gives a good idea of the Old Bay Road looking westerly toward Northampton about 8 miles distant and it is practically unchanged from the early days of 150 years ago or more, narrow, winding and dusty. There is another road coming in from the right, past the house, crossing the Bay Road and continuing to the south past the sites of the old Nutting Industries on up into the mountain. The intersection of these two roads can well be called the Nutting Cross Roads of the little hamlet of Nuttingville to distinguish the spot from Nuttingville Center back of us in the picture a short ways.

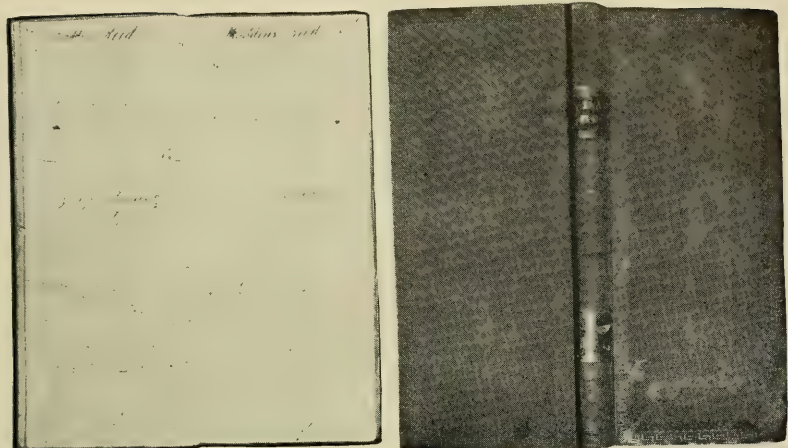
The road coming in from the right and north was called "The New Road" and was the route of the stage coaches to and from South Amherst village some years after the establishment of the Post Office and store there in the early 40's, the through traffic taking up the Old Bay Road again at Nuttingville Center. (See map p. 65).

At the left, and hidden by the trees, is the old Levi Nutting house, shown elsewhere, being on the southeast corner of the Crossroads, while in the right foreground of the picture on the northeast corner, is the site of the old Wyman Hoyt place. He married Truman's oldest daughter, Louisa.

There is a story prevalent in the Truman Nutting family that in the days when his large family of 8 boys and 1 girl were all at home, the stage coach on its run between Boston and Albany often stopped in, turning the corner at the Nutting Crossroads, and listened to the family at their morning devotions. The harmony of their voices on some familiar Methodist hymn, doubtless rang out over the morning air, with peculiar charm and good cheer, through the open doors and windows on a summer's day.

Photo W. M. Nutting 1923.

NOTE — This is the same house as seen from the north up the "New Road" in the picture on opposite page. This was only a short time before Truman Nutting and his family moved west in the summer of 1852. The Town Way is at the left in the picture leading this way toward South Amherst, and at its far end is seen the house on the site of the old Truman Nutting place where the "Way" joins the Bay Road. Rattlesnake Knob at the left and Mr. Norwottuck at the right.



#### OLD TRUMAN NUTTING ACCOUNT BOOKS (1831-1851)

**T**HESE two old leather covered Account Books were brought from old Nuttingville to Minnesota by Truman Nutting and family back in the early 50's. For account of their connection with the life and activities of their owner, his relatives and the community in which he lived, (see text page 78).

Books in possession of compiler and photographed for this work.



#### "THE NEW ROAD" so-called by the people of Nuttingville.

**F**ROM the History of Amherst—Town Meetings—page 203 we read:—

Town Meeting Apr. 1, 1850. Report of Selectmen laying out a Town Way near TRUMAN NUTTING'S accepted by vote of the Town.

"We the subscribers, Selectmen of Amherst, have laid out for the use of said town, a Town Way, as follows:—Beginning at a stake and stones on the Bay Road near TRUMAN NUTTING'S house and running thence north 28 degrees east on land of Wheaton Lovett  $3\frac{1}{2}$  rods to a stake and stones on the highway near said Lovett's house. The said road is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  rods wide and to lie on the easterly side of said course."





OLD HENRY BISHOP PLACE (Bay Road 1900)

**T**HIS typical, side to the front, New England house was the old home of "Aunt Kate Bishop," shown standing on the porch of the upper picture. She was the youngest daughter of John Nutting (5) and lived in this house with her husband and three children after the death of her mother in the old John Nutting homestead in 1863.

Emily Thayer, youngest child of Catherine (Nutting) Bishop (above) is standing in the picture below. Although this was her childhood home, she was born in the old house of her grandfather John Nutting (5) where her parents had gone to keep house for blind grandmother Catherine, some years after the death of grandfather John. Emily being the granddaughter of John Nutting (5) and always having lived at or near the little hamlet of Nuttingville, may deservedly be called the principal living representative of the descendants of its founder in that vicinity. She now lives in the old Thayer place, (formerly Alvah Robbins) a short distance up the Bay Road. (See map p. 65 and pictures opposite page).

Mary Thayer (Wheelock) daughter of Emily Thayer and granddaughter of John and Catherine Nutting, lives here and with her husband, Paul Wheelock, keeps up the old Bishop place in a most homelike and creditable manner.



HENRY BISHOP PLACE (Bay Road), remodeled from above.





OLD THAYER PLACE (Formerly Alvah Robbins). (Bay Road)

**T**HIS substantial red brick house, surrounded by a profuse growth of shrubbery, vines and flowers, is on the north side of the Bay Road toward Belchertown from Nuttingville and is the present home of Mrs. Emily Thayer and her son Charles. All the persons in the group are blood descendants of John Nutting (5) of Nuttingville and John (1) of Groton. From left to right—No. 6 Emily Thayer, 7th generation; No. 2 Charles Thayer, No. 5 Walter Nutting, also (No. 3 in picture below) Mary Wheelock, 8th generation; Nos. 1 and 3 Ada and Ruth Nutting, No. 4 Louise Spear and No. 7 Archie Hoyt, 9th generation.

Picture below, left to right—No. 1 Mrs. Ida Nutting, (wife of Walter, No. 5, in the picture above, grandson of Truman Nutting); No. 2 Mrs. Emily Thayer daughter of Catherine Nutting (Bishop); Nos. 3 and 4 Mrs. Mary Wheelock and Chas. Thayer, grandchildren of Catherine Nutting (Bishop); Nos. 5 and 6 Ada and Ruth Nutting great grandchildren of Truman Nutting; No. 7 Louise Spear, great grandchild of Esther Nutting (Carver); No. 8 Archie Hoyt, great grandson of Truman Nutting.

Photos W. M. Nutting 1923.



GROUP OF NUTTING KINSPeOPLE AT THAYER PLACE (Bay Road)



LEVI NUTTING HOUSE (Nuttingville Cross Roads)

**L** EVI was one of John Nutting's younger sons and built this house probably along in the early 40's, for his first wife died in the winter of 1845, and his brother Freeman's family occupied part of the house with him the winter of 1852. In 1853 he was in Faribault, Minnesota and settled there. The house is located on the southeast corner of the Nutting Cross Roads and next to his brother Ebenezer's. It is in a good state of preservation today. (See map p. 65).

Photo W. M. Nutting, 1927.



FRANK POMEROY South Amherst

**B** ORN in 1843 and hence 80 years old at the time this picture was taken—a resident of South Amherst and Nuttingville all his life; a contemporary in the palmy days of Nuttingville with his friends and playmates Elijah Nutting and John Hammond, near his own age, at the old brick schoolhouse and Methodist Chapel back in the early 50's. He might well be reckoned as one of the last living representatives of those days in the history of Nuttingville. Elijah Nutting and his 7 brothers are all dead and John Hammond died only recently, April 21, 1926.

Photo W. M. Nutting 1923.





POST OFFICE AND STORE (South Amherst, Mass.)

**T**HIS brick building, facing on the "Common" was built in 1820. The South Amherst Post Office was established in 1841 but, it is said, not in this building until about 1870. Here and elsewhere the Nuttings from Nuttingville, about 2 miles distant, came to trade and get their mail. Behind the counters was found the Old Elisha Smith Account Book (shown herein p. 63), with the numerous entries relating to our John Nutting (5). How the book came there is not known, but it has been preserved by the present occupants of the place (the Kings) since its discovery several years ago.



#### THE KINGS,

South Amherst, Mass.

**T**HE picture was taken in the doorway of the building shown above. The sign reads:—

POST OFFICE  
So. Amherst, Mass.

Left to right is Mrs. Grace Shaw (King), granddaughter of Maria Nutting (Phillips) one of the 7 daughters of George Nutting (A1). The other two are her husband, Chas. J. King (Postmaster), and their young son, Sherwin.

Photos W. M. Nutting 1925.





#### FIRST PASSENGER TRAIN IN AMERICA

**T**HE advent of the first Steam Passenger Train in the United States was contemporary with the later life and death of our JOHN NUTTING (5). The Railroad was started in 1831 and John died in 1834—the same year the old gentleman in the picture rode on the train.

Pictures from Brown Sections, Current Newspapers.

**"THE DE WITT CLINTON"**

**A**LTHOUGH Great Britain was the parent home of the railroad, inventors of the United States did great work to improve it.

One of the most famous American-built locomotives of the early days was called the De Witt Clinton. On Aug. 9, 1831, it made its maiden trip, starting from Albany. Three coaches, built almost exactly like horse-drawn coaches, were fastened behind the engine. The conductor collected the tickets of those who were brave enough to want to take this first ride. Then he got aboard and blew a tin horn.

At the sound of the horn, the locomotive began to puff and blow. The wheels turned and the passengers felt themselves jerked ahead. Over the rails they sped, wondering whether the next moment would be their last.

Suddenly the train came to a halt with another mighty jerk. Something had gone wrong with the engine, but it was repaired and the journey was renewed. People who ride in modern trains can scarcely realize the troubles of those early passengers. Great clouds of smoke came back and passed through the open coaches. There were sparks in plenty, for the boiler of the engine was heated by a wood fire. Some passengers were seated on top of the coaches and they had to brush sparks from their hats and coats.

In spite of all the smoke and sparks, the stops and jerks, the De Witt Clinton at last arrived in Schenectady. It had traveled the 17 miles in an hour and 45 minutes. That was an average speed of almost 10 miles an hour. Upon arriving in Schenectady, it was greeted by the beating of drums and the firing of cannon.

Huge steps have been made since the day of the De Witt Clinton. Locomotives weigh 20 or 30 times as much, and draw loads of thousands of tons. If the engineer wishes to "let loose," he can travel 60 miles or more an hour, unless he has a long train of cars.—Copyright, 1927.

UNCLE RAY.

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**PORTER NUTTING—A PASSENGER**

Chas. H. Nutting (B6-8) says:—"My father (Porter B6) was out in Akron, O., for a short time in 1831. He left there and arrived in Schenectady, N. Y. a week after the opening of the Mohawk and Hudson River Railway, which was in August of 1831. He told me he was 17 years old and that he rode on that Railroad on his way home from Schenectady to Albany."

Chas. H. further says:—"The Engine was the De Witt Clinton which is still in existence and has been on exhibition in the Grand Central Station New York. The coaches are only replicas. When going into Albany, they had a ballast car running down on an enjoining track with a cable attached that ran over a pulley, which was used to assist the De Witt Clinton in making the grade into Albany, as she did not have sufficient power to haul the train in."

Elsewhere we speak of the story that is told on Grandmother Catherine Nutting who was blind at the time her son Porter returned home from his trip on this first Passenger Train in America. "After listening attentively to Porter and other members of the family tell of how the train and engine were big enough and strong enough to accommodate all the NUTTINGS in Nuttingville at one time, she remarked drolly—"I should think they would burst their boiler."

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### The Truman Nutting Account Books and Industries

On page 71 are shown two old leather bound account books of Truman Nutting brought from old Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass., and stored in the garret of the old Truman Nutting home in Faribault, Minn., until the final breakup of the household some years after his death which occurred in the year 1891; just 40 years after the last entries in the books.

Since that time, these books, together with some other articles of interest, have drifted into the hands of one of his grandsons—your compiler. The oldest entry found in the first book is dated Aug. 4, 1831.. Thaddeus Rood, Dr. To 1 double iron smoothing plane \$1.25.

This shows that Truman was engaged in the manufacture of planes as early as this date and he was 24 years of age at that time.

The second oldest entry seems to be several months later under date of June 15, 1832 Alonzo Church, Dr.

To 1 long Jointer dbl. C S Iron.....\$2.00

1 short Jointer sgl. C S. Iron..... 1.50

1 Jack plane sgl. C S. Iron..... .96

July 16, 1832 Orson Goodell, Dr.

To sawing chair arms.....\$ .33

sawing rockers..... .30

Feb. 3, 1833 Aaron Ferry, Cr.

By work in my shop, Price agreed....\$5.00

Aaron Ferry was later half brother to Truman as in 1837 he married one of the 7 daughters of George Nutting, Judith.

July 6, 1833 Orson Goodell, Cr.

By 14¾ lbs. belt leather.....\$4.42

Evidently by this time the machinery in his shop required new or additional belting.

Nov. 21, 1833 Alonzo Church, Dr.

To using saw mill to saw out timber to

use about your house.....\$5.00



## SAW MILL AND WOODWORKING SHOP AT NUTTINGVILLE

Just how extensive the Truman Nutting place of business was and at what stage of its founding and existence he became identified with it are not known. He refers to it all the way through his accounts as "my shop" and it was evidently equipped with machinery and tools for the working of lumber from the logs through the saw mill, machine and hand working departments to the finished product. It was located farther up toward the mountain from the Ebenezer shop on the same brook which coursed its way down from the mountain side and furnished the power for both the little industries.

The logs for the saw mill were brought down off the mountain or hauled in from miles around. The soft wood consisted mostly of pine from which building lumber and cloth boards were made. In hardwoods there are mentioned maple, birch, cherry, walnut, chestnut, etc., from which various articles were made from planes to household furniture.

Numerous persons found employment in and around the Nutting shop including quite a number of Truman's own relatives. We think it would be safe to say that the crew ran approximately 10 to 15 men according to the amount of work on hand and as most of the men were heads of families, it can readily be seen that the little industry furnished a livelihood for a very considerable part of the community rightfully deserving of the name of Nuttingville.

Throughout the entire span of 20 years covered by the two books the principal articles of manufacture in the Truman Nutting Shop seemed to be a very complete line of carpenter's wood planes. These were made by the hundreds and thousands almost, and sold to jobbing houses and dealers in Boston and other distributing centers of the state. Cloth boards were also made in large lots and sold to cotton mills located at various places throughout New England.

## NO STORE AT NUTTINGVILLE

It is not known that there ever was a regular store for the sale of groceries and household supplies at Nuttingville, but it is plainly evident from Truman's account books that he did an accommodation business in these lines for his relatives and the inhabitants of the little hamlet. His small stock was probably kept at his shop or home, and his wide acquaintance and business dealings with the large wholesale houses, cloth mills, etc., made it quite the logical thing to take in these household commodities in exchange, in part at least, for the products of his shop. Likewise he traded his stores for labor of his men and exchanged them with his friends and neighbors for their logs, feed, etc., to keep up the activities around the sawmill and workshop. Thus a considerable round and round of exchange business was done without the use of actual cash money which was not as plentiful in those days as it is today. The brick store at the village of South Amherst, about two miles distant, was built in 1820 and there were other store accommodations there before that. Likewise the Post Office was established there in 1841, so doubtless, the inhabitants of Nuttingville did most of their heavy trading at South Amherst or Amherst proper, while on

occasions they could easily go to Northampton by stage which was about eight miles to the west down the Bay Road.

### DEALT WITH MANY NUTTING RELATIVES

There are shown in these pages the names of some 20 or more of adult close relatives of Truman Nutting with whom he had business relations over the 20 years covered by the two account books, all of whom lived in and about the hamlet of Nuttingville. Assuming that most of them had families of their own, it is not difficult to conclude that the Nuttings must have constituted a considerable colony of people and a formidable part of the population of that particular section of the state of Massachusetts.

Feb. 5, 1834 Eli Nutting, Dr. To 1 double smoothing plane \$1.25; 2 Jointers double 20-inch, @ \$1.84; 1 Jointer single 20-inch \$1.42. Eli was the oldest son of George Nutting half brother to Truman.

Mar. 26, 1834 Truman Nutting sold his younger brother Porter 1 ton of hay at price agreed \$4.00. Taking his pay by Porter whitewashing a room \$4.00.

April 20, 1834 George Nutting, Dr. To making 2 long Jointers double; 2 short Jointers single; 2 Jack planes single \$3.50. This transaction clearly indicates that Truman was well established in the making of planes by this time and that George, his half brother, had use for this sort of tools in his occupation, that of carpenter and builder.

Oct. 1834 Levi Nutting, younger brother of Truman, bought groceries of him paying for the same in  $6\frac{1}{2}$  days labor \$3.79. Later Levi had groceries and sundries and payed for them in making shoes and boots and repairing others.

Apr. 1836 Freeman Nutting younger brother of Truman was Dr. to cash for Books \$4.00. He was a Methodist minister.

Jan. 5, 1837 Leonard Nutting, younger brother of Truman began work at filing handles and Mar. 5 same year, came to board.

Jan. 13, 1837 Catherine Nutting bought of Truman groceries and sundries for which she paid him with one cutter price agreed \$4.00 and 1 single horse sled \$1.00. She was the mother of Truman. Her husband John Nutting, had died two years before and she was evidently disposing of some of the personal effects of the old homestead. Later Truman charges her for cash paid at hen house—Eben present—\$12.00. In her latter years she was blind, hence the witness.

Oct. 7, 1837 Ebenezer Nutting, Cr. 3 bushels ear corn; Dr. to use of horse 3 times \$1.25; for 1 gallon molasses 50c; for going out on the mountain 50c. Eben was Truman's oldest brother. A lay Methodist minister who preached occasionally in the Methodist Chapel, and had a workshop of his own at Nuttingville.

Nov. 10, 1837 Elijah Graves, Cr. By  $3\frac{1}{2}$  days work \$3.37. He was Truman's wife's brother and one of Truman's sons was named after him.

June 13, 1839 Calib Carver, Dr. To  $16\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. coffee @ 14c \$2.27. His wife was Esther Nutting, older sister of Truman, and they lived in Shutesbury. Coffee was cheap while tea was dear at 84c per lb.

Nov. 6, 1841 Benjamin Boynton bought of Truman an assortment of planes for which he paid with axe, chain, children's chairs, bedstead, sythe,

axe handles, butter, rocking chair, pair of shoes, etc. His wife was Lucretia Nutting, younger sister of Truman.

May, 1843 Emerson Nutting, younger brother of Truman, Cr. By work making planes \$141.42.

Mar. 8, 1845 Emily A. Nutting began work Saturday and is to work one year for \$100. Later in 1847 she had groceries and wearing apparel for which she paid in 12 week's work at \$2.00 per week. She taught the District School at one time and later married George Howe. She was a younger sister of Truman.

Mar. 17, 1847 This day Henry Bishop commenced work for me and agrees to work until one year from this date for fourteen dollars per month \$168.00. He married Truman's youngest sister, Catherine.

Apr. 19, 1847 Wyman Hoyt, Dr. for money paid S. B. Fuller for work and instruction in making planes \$5.75. Evidently Wyman was just learning the plane making trade. He married Truman's oldest child and daughter, Louisa.

June 9, 1849 Harriet Nutting, Dr. To cash paid at Hadley \$10.00. She was the daughter of Emerson Nutting, brother of Truman.

Oct. 1, 1849 This day reckoned with R. Baxter Bridgman and his account against me for work done on the dam \$10.50. He married Mary Nutting one of the seven daughters of George Nutting.

March 4, 1851 George A. Whipple, Dr. To 3M No. 1 shingles @ \$2.00, \$6.00; 4M No. 2 shingles @ \$1.50, \$6.00. He married Hannah Nutting one of the seven younger daughters of George Nutting.

Aug. 4, 1851 John H. Nutting, Dr. To bill of building material, planks joists and lath. \$17.20. He was the son of George Nutting.

Among the last entries in the second Account Book is Sept. 6, 1851 where Truman credits his oldest son, Henry A. Nutting with making 400 Jack Plane Handles @  $3\frac{1}{2}c$  each \$14.00.

## DECLINE OF COLONY AND INDUSTRIES AT NUTTINGVILLE

The last entries in the two account books were probably about three quarters of a year before Truman Nutting and his large family of boys moved away from Nuttingville and started on their journeys westward which finally terminated in Faribault, Minnesota, in the spring of 1855. This migratory movement of several of the Nutting families away from Nuttingville, beginning about the year 1852 made its permanent and lasting impression on the population and enterprise of the community and from which decline it never recovered.

It is recorded in the History of Amherst that "In 1857 Ebenezer Nutting and son, E. Porter Nutting, manufactured planes and other tools at a factory in South Amherst."

As late as the year 1875 there was a factory employing quite a number of hands on or near the site of the Old Truman Nutting Shops, run by a man by the name of Robinson, making baby carriages and children's sleds. There is no employment in the place now and the only evidences of its former enterprize and industry is the Old Ebenezer Nutting Work Shop shown in the Illustrated Section and still standing unoccupied.



## “Old Home Day”

South Amherst, Mass.

Wednesday, August 17, 1921.

ADDRESS OF JOHN C. HAMMOND (1)

I greet you all as friends and neighbors as we gather here today to exchange family and neighborly reminiscences and relate the events of other days.

Although I ceased to live on the old homestead, now the Atkins place, in the fall of 1859 when seventeen years of age, I have always been a neighbor. I come this way often. The glad hand of welcome which all extend seems like sunshine to me. I frequently recall as my sentiment the familiar lines—

*How dear to this heart  
Are the scenes of my childhood.  
When fond recollections present them to view.*

Yes, even to the old oaken bucket that hung in father's well.

My invitation was to bring informal reminiscences of those days.

Only the few of you who are three score and ten at least can have memory of those days. Reminiscences are necessarily of detached events. I leave the artistic picture to Miss Birdgman, (2) who will follow me, commissioned to speak of South Amherst of the future, perhaps of present days also. I wish she had been asked to speak of the life and work of her maternal grandfather, George Nutting, who built the meeting house. Because the things of sixty years ago and more are vivid in my memory I recall them.

Writ large on my memory is the District Number Seven School in the brick school house south of “Dyer” Robbins home (now Dr. Sander-son's), almost down to the Methodist Chapel, on the Bay Road; the half-way high school sometimes held in the second story of the old school house west of “The Green,” and one or two winters held in the Methodist Chapel; this white church is beautiful to me then and now. I recall also the people who filled the pews and the large chorus choir led by William Dickinson and his violin. The second violin by George Pomeroy, the bass viol, the double bass viol, the flute, the singing school, and also the grievous dissensions growing out of divergent views about the singing and the minister.

I remember that my father and Baxter Bridgman (3), who took very inactive parts in the affair, rather favored opposite sides. I heard them expressing the deepest regret at the dissensions, whatever its cause. But enough of what had better be forgotten.

But let me relieve the gloomy picture by an amusing episode. That double bass viol, a very choice one, was in dispute as to ownership between the rival parties. It disappeared. A parishoner found it hidden in his barn. He at once accused his son, a supporter of Mr. Dickinson and his choir, of the injudicious act. I could not stay there. A few knew that the next

caretaker was requested on the quiet to lend it and did lend it to a musical club at the college. He gave the hint that he did not much care when it was returned. Frank Pomeroy (4) can give you their names. It has never come back. Why not appoint Professor Goodale a committee of one to hunt it up?

We of School District Number Seven can never forget the memory of Miss Emily Nutting (5). She was almost my only common school teacher, except in winter. Next to my parents hers was the greatest influence on my life. When she resigned because of her approaching marriage she gave each of us a card with her farewell words. I have kept mine until, the other day, I gave it to one of her younger relatives, being sure that it would be cherished after my days are past. It read:

*"Farewell dear scholars,  
"Farewell all,  
"We meet no more in learning's hall,  
"Thy teacher's praise to you is given  
"Be just to all and live for heaven."*

What joy in the school children's games! Big boys played ball. We smaller children played tag in the street and in the fields. I remember the girl who could run faster than any of us. No one could catch her unless she was willing to be caught. She is living in comfort at Mill Valley, but unable to be here; mother, widow, grandmother. My best regards to Ellen Chase—Mrs. Henry Wales. May her years be still lengthened.

It was the custom to employ a man to teach the winter term. Richard Baxter Bridgman and Cummings Fish in the old Brick School House. Henry B. Prince in the new one.

The Methodist Chapel—it had a very attractive interior. Alas that it has disappeared. In the sad days of church differences at the white church I, with my brothers, Lyman and Henry, sometimes had leave to go there. We heard there occasionally Ebenezer Nutting (6), and Cummings Fish, both were occasionally preachers and men of ability and devotion. Rev. John Jones, of Pelham, preached acceptably there for a considerable time. I remember his coming and going, driving his farm horse. He did much good at very small recompense in money.

I remember the two-story brick school house on the west side of the Green. In the second story was for a time the select school for fall and winter. I can recall the pupils and their seating. The teachers young undergraduates from the college. The east end of this room, too large and cold, had been partitioned off. In that part remained a long wall seat with a long writing desk in front. Trusty scholars were allowed to go in there to study. The fun and whispering which went on in there never came to the teacher's notice.

This attractive village church, I cherish all my recollections of it. Father's first family pew was about half way up on the north side with Deacon Stetson. As the children began to attend, our family was assigned

a pew on the south side, where my father's name appears on the memorial window.

Time permits mention of few names. I hold the memory of Rev. Mr. Merrick, the minister in those days, in respect, although our family thought his position on the dissensions unfortunate. He was devout, learned, but unable to get next to the young people, a severe critic of youthful pranks, of the levity in the choir, and of any who differed with him. He often alluded to his experience of a few years as Missionary in Persia. He expressed with emphasis his opinion that the American Board of Foreign Missions erred in his recall. Frequently he dwelt on this grievance.

The Deacons. Deacon Dana and Deacon Stetson, both honored in their stations. If their prayers at evening meetings were in part in set phrases, repeated each time, some of which come to mind now, they were none the less fitting and impressive, full of the spirit of devotion.

Deacon Nathaniel Dickinson, who had resigned, lived in his last days where Mr. Adams now lives, north of the post office (8). He had by age become inactive. Was a man greatly beloved and respected.

Deacon Lebbeus Chapin, not a deacon of the church here, but of the Palmer Church, from which he came, a man of God, gifted in prayer, gifted in exhortation; gifted in the ability to get the confidence of and to influence children. We gathered around him if he met us going to and from school. Boys gathered around him in midsummer intermission between the two Sunday services. It was under the big maple tree in the lot behind the horse sheds. He never rebuked their boy talks if a bit worldly. But somehow he so chatted with us as to make us feel his example as a beloved, Godly man.

Keeping Saturday night after sundown and calling Sunday night secular was the common practice here. My mother, a native of Hadley, had been so brought up. Father had been accustomed to keeping Sunday night. Result, the Hammond boys never quite knew which. They rather gained in liberty by the indulgence of both. I remember my father's chuckle when one of the church leaders who was strong for keeping Saturday night drove by Sunday, about sundown, a little early on his way to his pasture where he kept the young cattle. Father said, "he must have started before sundown."

Time will permit of reference to few by name. Lieutenant Enos Dickinson lived in the large house northwest of the church; a strong pillar in church support; tall, dignified. I remember him as he walked up the south aisle to his side pew now removed which was just in line with the aisle.

Charles F. Hayward, uncle of the present Charles, and a large family, always filled the back southeast corner pew.

There was Esquire Bogue, dignified in demeanor, careful in dress. He always attended and sat near the front, a body pew south side. He lived in the brick house, south end, where a Mr. Smith now lives.

Marcus Goodale, of what is now called Dwight's, then "Logtown,"



whose second wife was Julia Cadwell, always attended, although the road was long.

Capt. Enos Dickinson, who lived next north of what is now the Hutchinson place, and his nephew and neice, Mr. and Mrs. Waitstill Dickinson, who lived opposite to him on the farm next south of my home. Their many children called Mrs. Dickinson Aunt Thankful. We all fondly did the same. The Dickinson boys were my nearest boy neighbors. I hope to meet Henry and Dan here today.

The large Pomeroy family, my uncle, aunt and cousins. How good their social home life; how good their grapes and peaches. Cousin Frank Pomeroy, the youngest, is with us.

Samuel Prince, efficient farmer, stalwart of frame, rough of demeanor, but cordial and respected.

*The three Nutting families, Ebenezer, Truman, Levi and their many children. Elijah, of my own age, recently wrote me at letter. He is influential and very prosperous in his Minnesota home.*

The Goodale boys, John, Charles and Samuel, are well remembered associates. Charles, who is still with us, brought back with him from the Civil War a lieutenant's commission. His son Alfred, who well represents the old stock, helps make this day a glad success. His position in Amherst College honors his family and honors this community.

There was Alvah Robbins whose farm on the Bay Road afterwards came to Dwight Thayer (9). His practical skill as the veterinary surgeon of the village was often in demand.

His brother, Zebediah W. Robbins, lived, as I have said, in the house now of Dr. Mary Sanderson. He was enterprising and active. What more interested us children, he never objected to our climbing the maple trees or roaming over his hill lot, back of the school house. The light and life of his home went out when his only child, Isaac, a boy of six or eight years, was instantly killed in the dooryard by the fall of the well sweep. There was no more energy in his life. He soon died. Mrs. Robbins, to whom the farm was bequeathed, sold it to her brother, J. Eugene Sanderson, who died in recent years.

I am not able to thank Dr. Sanderson for inviting me to "say a few words" and then permitting the announcement that Mr. Hammond would "deliver the address." Please think of it only as reminiscences.

The name Dickinson was even more common here than in Hadley, or in other parts of Amherst. There were twelve Dickinsons of mature age whom I remember and can name, and an immense number of young people and children. I mention—Nathaniel Dickinson, Enos Dickinson, first; Captain Enos Dickinson, Waitstill Dickinson, Captain Oliver Dickinson, Asa Dickinson, Noble Dickinson, Eastman Dickinson, Lucius Dickinson, William Dickinson, Chetser Dickinson, and Rufus Dickinson. Probably I have omitted some. Yes—Samuel Dickinson.

Dickinsons count large among the eighteen families settled in 1731 in what is now Amherst (History of Amherst, p. 22).

Of the Dickinson boys, Edwin and Albert, sons of Asa Dickinson,

Edwin became my college classmate. He made an honored record at Ligonier, Pa., as preacher and instructor, fitting pupils for college. After a life of good work he now lies buried here. With Classmates Professor Emerson and Professor H. M. Tyler I attended the last burial words at Albert's home a few days ago.

There was the little wagon shop of Chandler Hayward's on the main road south.

*The Nutting shop on the Bay Road, with the little sawmill above it on the brook and the mill ponds. (10)*

Now all gone, as well as the Lucius Dickinson shop over west. No good place for boys to swim now.

The road from Hayward's shop to Nuttingville was then called the "new" road (11). I think I remember seeing it built.

Baxter Bridgman was a strong force in village uplift, in church and town matters. One of the very best of farmers. His boys, Herbert, Raymond and Arthur, and his daughters are grand examples of a noble ancestry (12). His daughter, who speaks to us today, will present a better picture than I can of this most interesting community in its present outlook on the future. She may omit to remind you that her brother Herbert has been given the distinguished honor of Doctor of Laws by our college. A man eminent in his editorial calling; distinguished as a traveller and writer.

Dickinson Kellogg and Aretas Bisbee, the village shoemakers, had their shops, now gone, right on the street line on the road south from the church. What places for visiting neighbors to meet!

The unchanged village store and post office (8)—the very best place to loaf. The village club.

Joseph Douglas, a most unique character, equally skillful as cooper to repair the cider barrel and, as the butcher, always on call when swine or beef must be prepared for home use or market.

Mr. Wright's village blacksmith shop, now gone, stood a little south of the church on the west side.

I must mention Oliver Nash and his children, Timothy, Horace and Susan. His farm is next north of ours, the Dana farm. One day Timothy treed a gray squirrel on a line elm between the two farms. I was in the pasture for the cows. He persuaded me to keep guard while he ran to his home for his gun. He found he was short of ammunition. I could see him as he galloped his horse back to the village store for it. He came back, got his squirrel. I got a suitable reward in coin. After Oliver Nash's instant death by being thrown from a load of hay, the family went away and Joseph Dana, son of Deacon Dana, lived there, as does his son, today.

I must mention William Lyman. He lived where Albert Dickinson now does. In my earliest recollection he was living unmarried with his aunt, Mrs. Morse, who owned and devised the farm to him. He seemed pleased to have me, as a boy, follow him around. He often spent his evenings in our home until he married. Two of their children were among the nine on our street who died in a dreadful epidemic of scarlet fever. I remember the fear and dread in every house. Isolation was not

practiced or known. Mother was often called where a child was sick or dying.

Repair of road was by so much labor and team work of every one, under the direction of the district road surveyor, according to the assessment. There was much visiting among workers on the road. It was enjoyed by me, as I was permitted to count on father's list. Of course, there was little efficiency compared with methods of today.

Breaking roads in winter snowdrifts was with three yoke of cattle, supplied easily, as every farmer had a pair.

The selling of mature oxen to be driven to Brighton or Providence was an income element. I remember going with father to deliver a pair at Belchertown, where the drover was to collect his purchases and begin his drive to market.

No railroad then entered Amherst. The Connecticut River Railroad was talked of as new. The question was up in town meeting of aiding to get the road up from Palmer. President Edward Hitchcock arose and addressed the voters. He said the life of Amherst College required a railroad to Amherst. Said if it was not to come it was possible that the trustees would feel compelled to remove the college to some place accessible by railroad. Needless to say, his and other like arguments prevailed.

Before the railroad days the stage, sometimes with four horses, used to pass through our East Street and by the brick school house on its trips to and from Palmer. It seemed to us children an event of the greatest moment—a suggestion of the great world outside which we had never seen.

At the town meeting above referred to and others I was a looker on. Father kindly took me along. I remember that they were held in the basement of the Village Church, now College Hall.

As to town officers my recollection does not serve me well. I do remember that father, with Ezra Ingram and Austin Eastman, assessed taxes. I remember when rainy days kept the assessors from the ends of the town at home, some conversations which evidently amused my father. A taxpayer urgently claimed that his assessment was too high, according to what was taxed on his neighbor. I am told that similar incidents occur in these days.

Prices: Twelve dollars per ton was a good price for Number One hay; thirty-five dollars for a new milch cow was the very highest price. The minister's salary was five hundred dollars and the parsonage.

How many know that the brook which takes a straight line to the north through the pastures on the flats to the east was turned that way by the united work of the much earlier settlers. I know of no tradition other than the fact. The beginning of the new ditch is on the Hutchinson farm, if my memory is correct. I know it used to be turned into the old channel sometimes so that the new ditch could be cleaned and improved. The original channel crossed the east end of father's farm and entered Hop Brook not far to the north.

The History of Amherst (p. 334) tells us that South Amherst first had a post office in 1841.



Postmasters—

Hiram H. Allen, three years, to 1845.

Waitstill Dickinson, five years, to 1849.

Charles F. Hayward, seven years, to 1856.

Sylvanus M. Wright, six years, to 1863.

Thomas Reed, two years, to 1865.

I cannot recall the post office at any place but the brick store. Probably my memory is at fault.

The "Meeting House," as it was then called, was built in 1825 (History of Amherst, p. 221). Amherst had then been settled and had only one church for almost one hundred years. Some of these large old houses must have been built by the men who first fenced and subdued the farms.

Do we realize how tradition has failed to keep alive any knowledge of who settled South Amherst first and what they did?

Who can tell who were the few first settlers in South Amherst

Who built the large dignified old houses?

Who built the taverns on the Old Bay Road? The Bridgman Tavern east, near Belchertown line? The Cook Tavern almost over to Hadley line—its owner's name I do not remember?

Who fenced off these farms with split chestnut rails, built zig-zag, called Virginia fence? How much of the land was clear? How did they live and get the lands cleared of stumps? In 1850-1859 these fences had marks of great age, of course. I never heard any narratives as to the builders.

With what burden, labor and energy were these roads and farms laid out, made and fenced!

When the name Amherst was first used, about 1776, the town had one hundred and twenty ratable polls and about two hundred houses, that is about one thousand inhabitants. It had out-grown Hadley.

South Amherst, with its abundant tillage land and pastures, was fully as well settled as the other parts of the town.

These South Amherst farms must have been laid out, tilled, and houses built almost one hundred years before we had a church and post office here.

Judd's History of Hadley, of which Amherst was a part, and Carpenter and Morehouse's valuable History of Amherst, neither of them could enter into the details of these homes or first settlers of South Amherst. Is it not probable that much of this could be collected even now? Will not some of you give us pen pictures of the old homes and the old families and the old traditions? Doubtless the new Jones Library, with its generous endowment, would lend its aid in collecting and preparing and preserving such material.

Do not forget the beauty of location. A distinguished English clergyman, settled over a New York church, was speaking at a commencement dinner. He began thus: "Beautiful for situation is Mount Zion, the joy of the whole earth," and added, with emphasis, "That means Amherst." This is true of every hill and valley, of every homestead, in this our native village, South Amherst (14). I wonder if you all appreciate the depth

of beauty—the hills and the valleys, the rugged Norwottuck on the south, the wonderful landscape with attractive homes.

South Amherst in the retrospect of sixty to seventy years does not suffer as you compare it with the present. Then as now there were attractive homes and well-kept, fertile farms. While the little manufacturing industries have gone down the farms are better tilled and more productive, the homes are more comfortable. You of South Amherst today, with improved lighting facilities (we used tallow candles and whale oil lamps), a public water system, better roads the R. F. D., the telephone and the automobile, are no longer secluded but are in and of all the currents of life.

It is fitting that on an occasion like this we remember those who went to their country's defense in the Civil War and the last, the World War. Some came not back from the war of '61-'65, even as some boys have not come back from this war so recently ended. Let me mention one name. George Putnam, of my schoolmates, always attractive; sometimes a bit wayward. I played with him. I quarrelled with him. I loved him. When dying on a Southern battlefield he sent back this message, "Tell mother I always loved her." For all who thus died we drop a tear.

*"How sleep the brave who sink to rest  
By all their country's wishes blest."*

Finally this place is a goodly heritage. Be proud of it. Cherish it. If your richest acre of soil is wet, underdrain it. If newcomers arrive and settle with us, welcome them cordially. I know you do. Sustain all measures for good community service. Don't neglect your houses of worship. I say this equally to the old Protestant families and the more recent settlers of the Catholic faith who are your good and prosperous neighbors.

I know that you of the South Amherst of today will always continue as in the past, a God-fearing, law-abiding people.

Notes:—

- (1) John C. Hammond was born at South Amherst, 1843, a playmate and longtime friend of Elijah Nutting, born 1841 at Nuttingville
- (2) Miss Bridgman is Miss Gertrude Bridgman, daughter of Mary (Nutting) Bridgman, and granddaughter of George Nutting. Chapter V.
- (3) Baxter Bridgman, father of Gertrude, above, married Mary Nutting, daughter of George Nutting, son of John (5).
- (4) Frank Pomeroy was same age as John Hammond and playmate of the Truman Nutting boys (See picture p. 74). He is still living.
- (5) Emily Nutting was daughter of John and Catherine Nutting. She married George Howe.
- (6) Ebenezer Nutting was oldest son of John and Catherine Nutting.
- (7) I think he is referring to the Church at South Amherst built by George Nutting in 1825 (See picture p. 94).
- (8) Post Office and Store at South Amherst. (See picture p. 75).
- (9) Dwight Thayer married Emily Bishop, daughter of Catherine (Nutting) Bishop, youngest daughter of John Nutting (5). (See pictures, Section I this Chapter, pp. 72-3).

- (10) Nutting Shops (See pictures Section I this chapter).
- (11) "The New Road" (See picture p. 71).
- (12) The Birdgmans (See Chapter V, p. 114).
- (13) East Street (See map Chapter IV, p. 65).
- (14) South Amherst (See p. 66).

## **When Wild Turkeys Were Common on Mt. Holyoke**

Turkey Pass Was Mecca of Sportsmen Years Ago.  
Some Reminiscences of a Most Delightful Spot.

By Alice Morehouse Walker.

**A**MHERST people from earliest days have always kept Thanksgiving, that good old harvest festival, which dates back to Plymouth and the Pilgrims. Markets had not been invented when the founders of the town first settled on the eastern hills of Hadley, but nevertheless there was no dearth of food upon their tables, for our foremothers were famous cooks and our forefathers "good providers." Sheep were in the fold and gabbling geese and pigs in pokes ran through the streets and cattle grazed in the meadows, but these afforded prosaic food for every day which carried no flavor of festivity. The hunters from the hills brought in fat deer, which were good eating. Now and then a great black bear ventured too near the clearing and fell a victim to the white man who found his flesh like pork. But when Thanksgiving day drew near, instead of sending the order for a prime young bird straight from Vermont to the butcher the men and boys went up into Turkey Pass and there filled their own order, bringing back wild turkeys warranted fresh killed, with glittering, copy plumage and wings which needed only to be cured to satisfy the house housewife's urgent need and which she used to brush up her hearth and whisk the ashes out of her brick oven before the time of brooms. The wild turkey was tender and succulent and sweet, and best of all, he cost nothing but the exertion required to get him.

The Holyoke range seemed at first to early settlers a wall dividing them from the world beyond. Through several "cracks" as they were called, the Indians had worn trails, and, of course, the white hunter followed on their track. Deer was most plentiful and useful, furnishing clothes and shoes and thread and needles and tallow for candles. So many deer were killed that after a time laws were made to prevent their extermination. But turkeys seemed to multiply faster than they were destroyed. They lived on the mountainsides among the oaks, chestnuts, and beeches and roosted at night in the tops of the tallest trees. So plentiful were they that in 1711 they sold in Hartford for one shilling each and in 1717 in Northampton for one shilling four pence. Even as late as 1820, fine dressed birds only brought about 10 cents a pound.

### **GEORGE NUTTING SHOT LAST WILD TURKEY ON MOUNT HOLYOKE**

After 1800 the turkey hunters began to kill all sorts of game for market and fabulous stories are told of monstrous birds brought in weighing 40 to 50 pounds. Thaddeus Birge of Northampton is said to have shot 100 wild turkeys before 1820 and Oliver Warner, also killed many. Sylvester Judd says that when he was a little boy he often saw wild turkeys in the woods and heard them gobbling in the spring. He tells us that wild Turkeys were found on Mt. Holyoke and Mt. Tom long after they had disappeared from all their other haunts. In 1842 there was still a flock on Mt. Tom. In 1845 a few still stole their nests and gobbled in the spring and in 1851 a single mammoth veteran remained who must have met a tragic fate. Mrs. Hannah Nutting Whipple, who is 88 years old, says that when she was a child living in South Amherst, her father, George Nutting, shot the last wild turkey on Mt. Holyoke.

Some of those old-time sportsmen cut their initials in the bark of a white birch tree which overhung Turkey Pass and there they might be read many years after hunter and game alike had passed away.

More than 100 years ago Timothy Dwight, president of Yale college, traveled on horseback through the Connecticut valley. He admired the river with its picturesque falls and rapids, noted the fertile farms along its banks and enjoyed the hospitality of each rustic hamlet. The ever present mountain wall, changing its aspect from day to day, allured the learned divine with the promise of unknown lands beyond. He climbed Mt. Holyoke and recorded the fact as an achievement almost unknown in the history of the colony.



Mt. Tom, a forbidding pile across the river, frowned discouragement on any attempt at near approach.

Since the journey of this famous traveler, visitors to the valley have noted with interest the lofty peak lying black against the western sky, an unknown mountain of romance and mystery. To ascend Mt. Tom was both difficult and dangerous, for only widened Indian trails and woodman's paths led through dense forests toward its summit. Now and then a persistent stranger succeeded in reaching this height only to shrink back in fear lest a misstep should send him headlong down the precipitous western cliffs to be dashed in pieces hundreds of feet below. Today all things are changed. Science and enterprise united have given us this mountain with its natural beauties preserved and guarded to an admiring public for a playground and an heritage forever.

Mt. Holyoke always has been more easy of access. Its heavily timbered slopes were pointed out by farmers' sons as "our woodlot," and many a boy chopped the winter's supply of wood with scarcely a glance at the landscape spread out before him. In 1821 some people from Northampton built in one day a rude cabin on the summit, heaving the timbers out from the trees growing near by. Willis Pease was the first landlord and he opened a path from the ferry road at Hockanum across the fields and straight up the steepest ridge. His advertisement in the Hampshire Gazette reads thus:

"Willis Pease respectfully informs his friends and the public that he will be furnished with choice Jamacia spirits, St. Croix rum, cogniac brandy, Holland gin, cherry rum, brandy, Spanish segars, with other refreshments generally desired." These drinks were sold for ninepence a glass and water hauled up on the backs of horses, for threepence a glass. In 1846 the class in Amherst college to which Rev. George E. Fisher belonged cut a path up the mountain and at the summit met Mary Lyon and her students from the seminary. After speeches and suitable exercises they descended together and enjoyed a picnic at the foot. In 1854 a single track railroad was built up the last steep ridge of 600 feet, and a car, made of the bodies of two sleighs, was pulled up with a rope by a horse beneath the house on top. Between the line of rails was a staircase, and people walking up the steps were provided with little platforms on which to rest while the rickety car passed by. Just after the Civil War a little steamboat made seven trips a day between the railroad station at Mt. Tom and the foot of the mountains. Many noted people visited Mt. Holyoke in those old days. J. G. Holland, Dr. Holmes, and Jenny Lind, all left their autographs on its register. Gazing from the mountain top, Dr. Holland wrote,

"At my feet  
The ferry boat diminished to a toy,  
With automatic diligence conveyed  
Its puppet passengers between the shores  
That hemmed its enterprise; and one low barge  
With white square sail, bore northward languidly  
The slow and scanty commerce of the stream."

Geologists tell us that this valley is one of the most famous sandstone regions in the world. About 15,000,000 years ago tremendous volcanic shocks thrust these mountain peaks of greenstone up through the sand and made the valley, which was then one vast expanse of water. After a time the mountains, looking down, saw gigantic dinosaurs drag their huge tails out upon the mud flats and seek for food, or standing on their long hind legs devour the tropical vegetation which flourished as the water receded. The hot sun and the heat beneath the ground dried the tracks of these strange reptiles and ages turned the sand to stone. We see the so-called bird tracks in the Amherst college museum, but do not realize that in the age of reptiles when our mountains were young, these creatures crawled up on their sunny slopes and left their footprints as a proof of their existence.

All that happened during the ages following we cannot tell. We know as the water disappeared from a series of lakes, was born the Connecticut river. These and other tremendous transformations were witnessed by these old mountains, but their secrets never will be revealed.

To the botanist and geologist the Holyoke range is of especial interest. The flora is varied and furnishes innumerable specimens for collections made by students of the neighboring schools and colleges. Wild beasts no longer afright the rambles through the woods, but foxes and squirrels and rabbits are there and birds may be seen in great variety. Trout streams tempt the angler and the bee hunter and entomologist find pleasure and profit in their researches among the caves and foothills.

On a height above the pass the Amherst gun club has built its bungalow, with broad veranda commanding an extended prospect of valley and northern mountains. Just below extends the old BAY ROAD an historic highway whose narrow winding course is thronged with shadows of the past. In olden time

the Bay road was the channel through which laws were communicated and by means of which news was received from distant friends. That stony highway crossed in its length by a hundred streams, was a bond radiating with love and hope and memory. Here and there a hospitable tavern opened its doors to travelers and hunters who drank their flip and smoked their pipes before its fire. Such was Bartlett's tavern on the Bay road, burned many years ago, and the Bridgman tavern about two miles to the east, built by Jonathan Bridgman, whose last remaining daughter, Mrs. Louisa Porter, now lives in Hatfield and is 90 years old. The tavern stands as solid as when built of bricks made upon the farm, but the homestead is cultivated as a fruit farm by Lord & Lailor of Boston.

#### BAY ROAD BECAME GREAT THOROUGHFARE

The dwellers in these taverns lived in troubled times. During the French and Indian wars their homes were on a military highway. Capt. Reuben Dickinson at the head of a company of Amherst minute men hastened along the Bay road to Boston summoned by a gun fired at Lexington. Burgoyne's troops, after the surrender, were escorted over this same road. In 1812 cannon for Com. Perry's fleet rumbled along by the Bridgman tavern and heavy carts loaded with merchandise passed to and from the Bay. As towns in the Connecticut valley multiplied, the Bay road became a great thoroughfare. Drove of cattle and sheep and swine raised clouds of dust along the way. Later came the stage coaches driven at a furious speed night and day. The fast mail coach left Boston at 5 o'clock in the morning, and reached Bartlett's tavern at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, always stopping to water the horses at the watering place which was in use for more than 100 years. The old Bay road is today almost deserted, a narrow, crooked, grass-grown highway. Its traditions are unknown to the present generation and its history will soon be forgotten.

But Turkey pass is not deserted, for through it runs the trolley, by means of which communication has been opened between many towns. Its natural beauties have not been destroyed, but carefully preserved. Although hundreds of tons of rock have been taken from the Devil's garden and used for road-making, the supply seems undiminished, and as long as shingle stones continue to fall and break, this picturesque feature of Turkey pass will remain. In early days rattlesnakes came out to sun themselves upon these ledges, but none have been seen for many years and the mountain climber need not fear to venture on the footpath which leads over the rocks to the top of Bare mountain, which overlooks the pass from the west. No house is on the summit and no fee will be required, but the extended view which meets the eye will well repay the slight exertion. Norwottuck, the highest peak of the Holyoke range, rises just east of the pass. From its summit the valley stretches away like a carpet of variegated patterns. Far to the north rise the Green mountains of Vermont and black against the sky Monadnock in New Hampshire, and to the east Wachusett, while a distant western peak recalls old Gray Lock, the Indian chieftain, a leader in the border warfare of the French and Indian wars.

It is now quite the fashion for athletic youngsters, and older folk as well, to follow the trail from Turkey pass up over Bare mountain and climb along the range to the summit of Mt. Holyoke, there to enjoy a picnic dinner or, during the season, a dinner in the hotel. The return through Hadley is a picturesque and delightful walk.

The trolley trip through Turkey pass is a favorite excursion in summer, for it takes one into the cool depths of the woods where, were it not for the steel rails, nature would seem to reign supreme. The traveler who admires the view just below the car from Amherst enters the pass, notes with interest the Bay road fruit farm, bought by Prof. F. C. Sears and Prof. F. A. Waugh of the Agricultural college and planted with hundreds of young fruit trees should the spectator gaze long enough he might even see a deer walk out of the woods and make his midday meal on these green saplings, for, like the forefathers, haunted by the probability that soon the wild deer would become extinct, the lawmakers have protected them, and nowhere do they find more satisfactory food than on the Bay road fruit farm. Many varieties of evergreens and of forest trees are on the slopes of the mountain, among these numerous chestnuts which, alas, show signs of blight and premature death. Birds are there among the branches and sometimes a rabbit leaps away in to the shadows, and many squirrels, chattering, fly to the heights of the tall trees. But listen though we may, no "gobble" do we hear in Turkey pass. Picnic parties and excursions have long since driven the ghost of the last wild turkey into the deepest recesses of the mountains, far from the haunts of men.

# Chapter V



A1

*George Nutting Line*

232 DESCENDANTS



GEORGE NUTTING

1786-1838

ONLY SURVIVING OFFSPRING

*of*

JOHN NUTTING OF SOUTH AMHERST

*BY FIRST WIFE*

ESTHER (SMITH) NUTTING



## CHAPTER V

### A1

#### George Nutting Line

**A-1** GEORGE NUTTING (6), John (5). George Nutting was the only surviving child of John Nutting and wife Esther Smith. Born Sept. 9, 1786 at South Amherst, Mass. Died Aug. 1, 1838, age 51.

Married Judith Hastings at So. Amherst, Mass. Dec. 21, 1809. She was the daughter of Thomas Hastings and Hannah (Billings) Hastings both of Amherst, Mass., and was born Oct. 1, 1786. She died Sept. 2, 1883, age 96. She and her husband are both buried in the old cemetery at South Amherst.

#### CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND JUDITH (Hastings) NUTTING

##### *7th Generation, born at South Amherst*

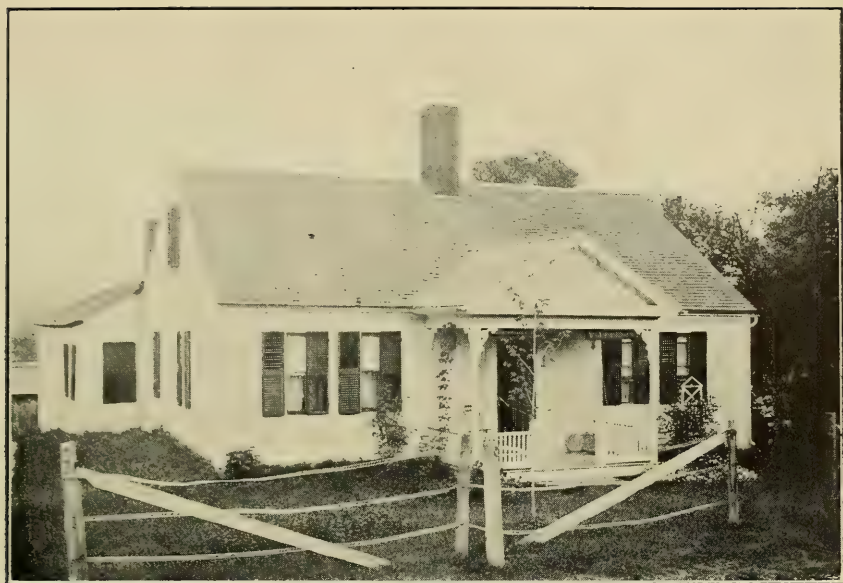
- A1-1 i Elisha, b. Aug. 28, 1811; d. Aug. 6, 1894; m. Julia Crossett.
- A1-2 ii Juliana, b. Sept. 25, 1813; d. Oct. 16, 1892; m. Moseley Kendall.
- A1-3 iii Judith, b. Sept. 2, 1815; d. Feb. 16, 1897; m. Aaron Ferry.
- A1-4 iv John, b. Feb. 1, 1818; d. Sept. 25, 1897; m. Harriet Moore.
- A1-5 Mary, b. Mar. 27, 1820; d. Dec. 21, 1891; m. R. Baxter Bridgman.
- A1-6 vi Maria, b. June 30, 1822; d. Nov. 5, 1913; m. Augustine Phillips.
- A1-7 vii Hannah, b. Aug. 22, 1824; d. Mar. 27, 1915; m. George Whipple.
- A1-8 viii Harriet, b. Dec. 3, 1826; d. May 22, 1886; m. Rev. Asa Smith.
- A1-9 ix Nancy, b. Dec. 21, 1830; d. Sept. 22, 1919; m. George Hannum.

#### NOTES ON THE LIFE OF GEORGE NUTTING

HE was a carpenter and doubtless built his own home about the time of his marriage 1809-10, where his family of 9 children were born and reared. His house was located on the east side of what is called East Street between South Amherst and Amherst proper. Picture of the house as it appeared during the family occupancy is here shown and we might say the house is still standing although unoccupied.

One remarkable record to the credit of this quaint little New England house is the fact that all of the seven daughters of the family were born and married in the same little front room at the right of the front door as you enter.

George Nutting also built the White Church on the green at South Amherst in the year 1825 and its stands today a fine specimen of the old



#### THE OLD GEORGE NUTTING HOUSE

Located on East Street, South Amherst; probably built about 1810; still standing.  
Photo taken some years ago, and furnished by Mrs. Chas. J. King, (A1-174).



#### THE SOUTH CHURCH (Congregational)

South Amherst, Mass.

Located on the "Green";  
built by George Nutting,  
1825.





wooden type of Congregational Churches which grace many a town and hamlet of old New England.

He was called Captain Nutting having been Captain of Militia. He served as Representative to General Court at Boston; was selectman of his town; was active in church and school matters and was held in general esteem at home and throughout the state.

*(From records examined we gather the following facts—)*

As a young boy of 12 his father allowed him to work out for Elisha Smith of South Amherst as shown by records in Mr. Smith's old Account Book illustration and writeup of which appears elsewhere in this work. At this age he worked at following the plough, harrowing, cultivating corn, etc.

March 23, 1802, there is an entry in the old account book:—"George Nutting came to live with me and is to have two thirds of the wages that men have on a average the current year in Amherst." Later it says:—"George lost twelve working days and a half being sick with the measles in May."

July 1, 1802, after George had recovered from his illness and gotten to work again, he is charged with "Two pairs of soles 2 shillings, 5 pence," and later, "More for leather to sole George's shoes and mend the heels 1 shilling 6 pence." Evidently George was hard on shoes for the benefit of the old gentleman.

George was between 15 and 16 years old at this time and it was about this time also that his father John married his second wife, Catherine, his first wife Esther having died. This circumstance probably accounts for George leaving home to live with Elisha Smith.

In later years when George had grown to manhood, and acting for himself, he continued to do business with Elisha Smith. Evidently Smith had not been so hard on him as a young boy but what George condescended to purchase articles from him mostly in the nature of foodstuffs—doubtless for his own family and livestock in the way of pork, oats, flax, rye, corn, "English" hay, etc.

July 17, 1811 he paid back Elisha Smith in labor to the value of 12 shillings for 2 days at reaping.

In Truman Nutting's Old Account Book which starts in the year 1831 we have under date of April 20, 1834 where George is charged with a set of "Carpenter's planes to the amount of \$4.50 for which George pays him back in part, by setting a window with 24 lights \$1.20." This is evidence that he was following the carpenter's trade.

In the History of Amherst, Mass. there are a number of references to the life and career of George Nutting:—

On pages 215 to 224 is a long detailed account of the forming of the Church Society at South Amherst, June 28, 1824 and its history down to the publishing of the book in 1896.

It is told that George Nutting was one of the committeemen at the founding of the society and "at a meeting of the subscribers held Aug. 30, 1824, it was voted to accept proposals of George Nutting and Philip

L. Goss for erecting a meeting house; the cost was to be \$3300, and the subscribers were to draw the hewn stone for the underpinning, etc." "The dedication took place Nov. 3, 1825." June 8, 1858 the church was re-organized as The Congregational Church of South Amherst.

The Rev. Herbert W. Boyd, husband of George Nutting's granddaughter, Mary Bridgman (Boyd), was pastor of the church 1888 to 1894.

On page 274 we have record of a muster roll of the South Company undated, (but probably about 1820, containing among others as officers of the Company, the name of George Nutting, Sergeant.

On page 585 under List of Representatives to General Court is George Nutting for the years 1833 and 1836.

On page 586 under List of Selectmen is George Nutting for the year 1820, 1826-7.

### NOTES ON THE LIFE OF JUDITH HASTINGS NUTTING AND HER ANCESTRY

*The next following was copied Nov. 12, 1926 by W. M. Nutting from a little booklet entitled "IN MEMORIAM" loaned by Mrs. Julia Kendall Sanborn Hibbard, Hartford, Conn.*

*Mrs. Hibbard is the granddaughter of Judith Hastings Nutting and then 82 years old, residing with her married daughter Faith Sanborn.*

### MRS. JUDITH NUTTING

INSTANCES of exceptional longevity are always impressive. The proportion of such to the whole number of persons in any community is never large, and yet there are always here and there, a few in every country, the living links between three or more generations. Whether among those in conspicuous or in humble circumstances, they attract a peculiar interest. The death of every centenarian, or of one who has reached the confines of a hundred years, draws attention. Many can now remember the interest felt, when, sixty-one years ago, there was announced the sudden death of Mrs. Garrick, widow of the celebrated actor, at the age of ninety-seven, accessible and attractive to the last. The same year (1822), upon the decease of Sir William Herschel; his no less remarkable sister Caroline removed to Hanover, where, with an unclouded intellect, she lived to a comparatively recent date (1848), and to within three years of a century. Elizabeth, the widow of Gen. Alexander Hamilton survived her husband more than half a century, dying (1854), at ninety-seven. The citizens of Roxbury, New Jersey, were somewhat startled to find that one of their number, Mrs. Dolly Stephens, had reached that age, and that, upon her decease, there were two hundred and forty-four living descendants, some in the fifth generation. Recently there was in the Roxbury District of Boston, on whose life needed less than a month to have rounded out the same rare period. Her death took place on the second of September, at Amherst, Massachusetts, and it was so ordered in Divine Providence that unexpectedly the event occurred in her native place.



**THE SEVEN NUTTING SISTERS (Seventh Generation)**

Daughters of George and Judith (Hastings) Nutting

All BORN and MARRIED in the same front room of the old

George Nutting House, Amherst, Mass.

Photos furnished by Mrs. Abbie Whipple Henry (A1-219)





Mrs. Judith Nutting was born Oct. 1, 1786, before our Federal Constitution had been adopted; before Massachusetts had passed an act forbidding the slave-trade; before mass had ever been celebrated in Boston by a Roman Catholic priest; before the first Episcopal Convention had met in our country; before a land office had been opened for sales to settlers; before the first volume of law reports was published, and before cotton had been exported or even grown at the South. The entire population of our Commonwealth then did not exceed that of Boston today, and the inhabitants of the State of New York only equalled one-fifth of the present inhabitants of the city of New York. The region from the German Flats, in Herkimer to Canandaigua, was an unexplored wilderness. The settlement of Ohio had not yet begun, and Washington was not yet president. Benjamin Franklin and John Hancock were still living.

Mrs. Nutting was the daughter of Thomas Hastings, a revolutionary soldier, the fourth bearing that name, in direct descent from Dea. Thomas Hastings, an immigrant from Ipswich, England, in the year 1634. Through the Thomas last-named the family lineage runs back to a younger brother of Sir Henry Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon. That family is one of the extremely few in England which can trace their pedigree so far back even as the fourteenth century. But Hastings, one of the Cinque Ports, still shows the remains of its castle, where William the Conqueror lodged before the decisive battle, that of Hastings, 1066, which overthrew the Saxon dynasty; and already in the time of Alfred the Great, ninth century, a Danish Hastings had planted himself in Sussex.

In the same year, (1815), and on the same day, she, with her husband, George Nutting, made a public profession of faith in Christ. Opportunities for school education, in the rural districts of our country, so long ago as the latter part of the last century, were not abundant; but in most parts of New England the religious training of the young held a large place in the thoughts of pious parents. Judith Hastings was early taught the Assembly's Shorter Catechism. Under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Parsons, the children were wont regularly to recite the answers in that admirable compend of Scripture truth, boys standing on one side and girls on the other side of the broad aisle in the meeting-house. Nothing short of literal accuracy would satisfy the desires of the ministers or the ambition of young catechumens. Question and answers remained distinctly in her memory to the last. As opportunity offered, she would put her own children through the catechism, after they had themselves become parents and grandparents. It was under the influence of truth embodied in that little formulary that her own character received its type. She showed Puritan loyalty to sound doctrine, law and order—order in the family, church and society. She had a clear apprehension of the evangelical system of belief, and a hearty love of the same. Whatever was accepted as duty became a pleasure to her. In regard to secret prayer and the reading of God's word, no thought seemed ever to enter her mind except to maintain constancy and find profitable enjoyment therein. Her memory was early stored with hymns. In later years, at the hour of

evening twilight, it was still her delight to sing or repeat certain favorites, such as:—

*"When to the west the sun descends," etc.*

For some scores of years, every night, after retiring to rest, she repeated the hymn;

*"And now another day has gone,  
I'll sing my Maker's praise," etc.*

She was always looking on the bright side of things. Did ever any grumbler live to extreme old age? During forty-five years of widowhood she maintained a cheerful walk with God. For children and children's children, to the fifth generation, her memory is a richer legacy than any that could pass through the Probate office. Her seven daughters were born under the same roof, and married in the same room; and they, as well as the two sons, are all living, and all have families. With one of them, Mrs. George A. Whipple, she made it home for some years at Boston Highlands, a blessing to the house and to the neighborhood.

*"The aged Christian stands upon the shore  
Of time, a storehouse of experience,  
Filled with the treasures of rich heavenly lore.  
I love to sit and draw from her, from thence,  
Sweet recollections of her journey past,  
A journey crowned with blessings to the last."*

Boston, September, 1883.

A. C. T.

## HASTINGS FAMILY

*Copy of manuscript furnished by Mrs. Abbie Whipple Henry, Amherst, Mass., Feb. 20, 1926.*

THE history of the Hastings family has been definitely traced through all its American Branches and back through English stock to its parent Danish stem. Freeman the English historian says there are only five families in England that can really trace their lineage back of the time of Edward III, 1327-1377 and the Hastings family is one of these.

Many English people fancy they can trace their descent from the Normans, but Hastings is a name older than the Norman Conquest (1066) for the castle and seaport of Hastings were held by the family when William the Conqueror landed in England. The region of the battle of Hastings was in the possession of the family before the Normans had settled in Gaul (911).

The Hastings became allied to the Royal Families of England and Scotland and were allowed to wear the Arms of those countries and also of France, as one of the heirs of Plantagenet by marriage with the Princess Ida. George the Third, Lord Hastings was created Earl of Huntingdon in 1529 and married the daughter of David, King of Scotland.



The connection between the English and American families is this; Sir Henry and George Hastings, grandsons of the first Earl of Huntingdon had sons who became Puritans and fled to New England. Deacon Thomas Hastings embarked at the age of 29 with his wife Susanna, aged 34 from Ipswich, England, April 10, 1634 in the "Elizabeth," Wm. Andrews, master—for New England, and settled in Watertown, Mass., where he was admitted Freeman, May 6, 1635.

Lieutenant Thomas Hastings of Amherst was the fourth in descent from the first settler bearing his name. Thomas Hastings of Amherst was the oldest son of Liuet. Hastings, born May 20, 1746. Married 1769, Hannah Billings, born Feb. 20, 1749, daughter of Dea. John Billings of Amherst. He died Jan. 22, 1827, aged 81. She died Oct. 5, 1823. They had eleven children.

Salome, Jerusha, Hannah (died 1777), Submit, Hannah, Thomas, Eli, Judith, May, Lucius, David.

The Hastings Coat of Arms was as follows:—

Ermine on a Chief Azure (blue)

Two mallets or (gold) crest, one star or (gold) known by the name of "Hastings."

The motto of the Lord Hastings was:

*"In veritate victoria."* In truth there is victory.

Amherst, Mass., Oct. 23, 1888

(Copied from sister Hattie's).

Copies of further notes, in possession of Mrs. Abbie Whipple Henry.

Judith Hastings (married George Nutting) was daughter of Thomas Hastings and Hannah Billings.

Hannah Billings was the daughter of Deacon John Billings.

Deacon John Billings was the son of Richard Billings and Hannah Marsh.

Hannah Marsh was the daughter of Deacon Samuel Marsh and Anne Webster.

Anne Webster was the daughter of Governor Webster of Connecticut, about 1645 (1656).

This is from the Hampshire County Records of Northampton.

Note—This makes us "Colonial Dames."

## A1-1

**Elisha Nutting Branch***Beginning with*

## SEVENTH GENERATION

**A1-1** ELISHA NUTTING (7), George (6), John (5). Elisha Nutting was the eldest child of George Nutting and wife Judith (Hastings) Nutting; born Aug. 28, 1811 at South Amherst, Mass.; died Aug. 6, 1894 at Kent, Ohio, age 82; married Oct. 30, 1849 Julia Crossett, daughter of Rev. R. Crossett of Conway, Mass. She died Feb. 13, 1916, at Kent, O.

In the old Account Book of his half uncle Truman Nutting at Nuttingville, page 191 we have the following credit items.

Dec. 21, 1840 Cash for work on chairs up to date.....\$23.80

Jan. 23, 1841 For 172½ hours at 10cts, pr. hour..... 17.25

He later moved to Kent, Ohio where he lived the greater part of his life and died there.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

A1-10 i Anna Maria, b. Nov. 30, 1850, Kent, O. She has been a school teacher for many years and lives in San Gabriel, Cal.

A1-11 ii Myron Eli, b. Oct. 4, 1855, Kent, O., m. Mrs. Ida E. Carpenter.

**A1-11** MYRON NUTTING 8, Eli 7, George 6, John 5. Myron Eli Nutting was the eldest child of Elisha Nutting and wife, Julia (Crossett) Nutting. Born Oct. 4, 1855; married Mrs. Ida E. Carpenter. She died in Mexico, Oct. 20, 1912; buried there. Myron now lives with his sister, Anna, at San Gabriel, Cal.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

A1-12 i Myron Chester, b. Oct. 18, 1890 Nevada, m. Helen Ashe Hays.

A1-13 ii Arthur Wilbur, b. Dec. 21, 1891, Montana, unm.

**A1-12** MYRON NUTTING 9, Myron 8, Eli 7, George 6, John 5. Myron Chester Nutting was the eldest child of Myron Eli Nutting and wife, Ida E. (Carpenter) Nutting; born Oct. 18, 1890; married Helen Ashe Hays at Venice, Italy.

## CHILDREN, NONE REPORTED

## A1-2

## Aunt Julia Nutting (Kendall) Branch

*Beginning with*

## SEVENTH GENERATION

**A1-2 JULIANA NUTTING (KENDALL)** 7, George 6, John 5. Juliana Nutting was the second child of George Nutting and wife Judith (Hastings) Nutting. Born Sept. 25, 1813 at South Amherst; died Oct. 18, 1892 at Carthage, Missouri. Buried at Windsor, Mo., age 79.

Married Moseley Jacob Kendall, son of Chapman and Sarah (Ingraham) Kendall of Ludlow, Mass., Dec. 3, 1835. He was born Dec. 1, 1809, died March 7, 1888, age 78.

He was a farmer, living at Belchertown and at Ludlow, Mass., and Saybrook, Conn. He came west with his family and settled on a farm in Steele County, Minn., near Medford, in the fall of 1856. An account of the hardships of early pioneer days is related elsewhere in this book by their daughter, Julia, in the hand written booklet entitled "Mother's Story."

In the summer of 1868 the family moved to Windsor, Missouri where Juliana and her husband, Mosely Kendall, spent the remainder of their lives.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

- A1-14 i George Lyman, b. Sept. 11, 1837, Belchertown, Mass.; d. March 17, 1883; m. 1st Mary Beardsley; m. 2nd Olivia Pike.
- A1-15 ii Leonora Clementie, b. July 12, 1839, Belchertown, Mass.; d. Sept. 12, 1895; m. Horace Taylor.
- A1-16 iii Frank Leslie, b. April 30, 1842, Belchertown, Mass., m. 1st Mary Barrett of Faribault, Minn.; m. 2nd Mary Byfield of Minneapolis, Minn.
- A1-17 iv Julia Shipman, b. Oct. 24, 1844; m. 1st John Henry Sanborn, 1870; m. 2nd Rev. A. G. Hibbard, 1888.
- A1-18 v Isadore Sherwood, b. Oct. 21, 1846, Belchertown, Mass.; m. Gidney Stiles.
- A1-19 vi Daniel Ingraham, b. May 26, 1849, Saybrook, Conn.; d. May 7, 1852, unmarried.
- A1-20 vii Frederic Mosely, b. March 28, 1852, Saybrook, Conn.; m. Elizabeth Houts.
- A1-21 viii Harriet Amelia, b. March 5, 1854, Saybrook, Conn.; d. Oct. 28, 1898; m. Albion Gould.
- A1-22 ix Jennie Cordelia, b. April 24, 1856, Saybrook, Conn.; m. Lawrence Whitney.

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**A1-14 GEORGE KENDALL** 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. George Lyman Kendall was the eldest child of Mosely J. Kendall and wife Juliana Nutting. Born Sept. 11, 1837 at Belchertown, Mass. Died March 17, 1883. Married 1st Mary Beardsley, Richland, Minn. Married 2nd Olivia Pike, Owatonna, Minnesota. He was called by his middle name



Lyman. In August, 1862, he enlisted with his brother Frank as a soldier in the Civil War, Company A, 7th Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers in response to the Lincoln's call for "Three Hundred Thousand more." After they went south a year later, he being a fine penman, was detailed as Gen. Meredith's head clerk. He was afterwards confined to the hospital from where he received his honorable discharge at the end of the war.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

A1-23 i Nettie, b. July 29, 1861, Merton, Minn.; d. Aug. 13, 1883; m. Frank F. Fisher.

A1-24 ii Corrine, b. Oct. 12, 1862, Richland, Minn.; m. Fred Naramore.

**A1-23 NETTIE KENDALL (FISHER)** 9, George Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7. Nettie Kendall was the eldest child of George Lyman Kendall and wife Mary (Beardsley) Kendall. Born July 29, 1861 at Merton, Minn.; died Aug. 13, 1883 at Centralia, Kansas. Married Frank F. Fisher, Nov. 7, 1882, then living at New Ulm, Minn. They may have moved to Centralia, Kansas later, where the wife and infant child died about the same time.

#### CHILD, TENTH GENERATION

A1-25 Nettie Cora, b. Aug. 13, 1883 Centralia, Kansas, d. Aug. 30, 1883.

**A1-24 CORINNE KENDALL (NARAMORE)** 9, George Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Corinne Kendall was the second child of George Kendall and wife Mary (Beardsley) Kendall. Born Oct. 12, 1862 at Richland, Minn.; married Fred A. Naramore, Oct. 27, 1892 at Faribault, Minn. They live at Colmor, New Mexico.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

**A1-15 LEONORA KENDALL (TAYLOR)** 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Leonora Clementine Kendall was the second child of Mosely J. Kendall and wife Juliana (Nutting) Kendall. Born July 12, 1839 at Belchertown, Mass.; died Sept. 12, 1895 at Faribault, Minn., age 56.

Married Horace Taylor of Faribault, Minn. who ran the buss line to and from the two or three railroad depots, hotels and educational institutions for a good many years, rendering thereby a most efficient and courteous public service. He also died in Faribault.

Mrs. Taylor was a saintly woman, a kind and devoted wife and mother to her family, while in public service she was much beloved and respected as a teacher of the young people's Bible class of the Congregational Sunday School of Faribault, well into her declining years. Her picture was hung on the walls of the church ever since her death.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

A1-26 i Ernest Ansel, b. July 6, 1861, Merton, Minn.; m. Mary E. Tower.

A1-27 ii Lulu Leola, b. June 23, 1863, Merton, Minn.; d. April 1, 1892; m. Albert Turner.

- A1-28 iii Clarence Herbert, b. Sept. 20, 1866, Faribault, Minn.; m. Georgianna Chamberlain.  
 A1-29 iv Leslie Kendall, b. Aug. 2, 1869, Faribault, Minn.; d. April 25, 1902; m. Thais Payant.  
 A1-30 v Everett Sears, b. June 12, 1871, Faribault, Minn.; d. April 25, 1893; unmarried.  
 A1-31 vi Aimee, b. Jan. 5, 1880, Faribault, Minn.; m. Benjamin Hoerger.

**A1-26 ERNEST TAYLOR** 9, Leonora Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Ernest Ansel Taylor was the eldest child of Horace Whitney Taylor and wife Leonora (Kendall) Taylor. Born July 6, 1861 at Merton, Minn. Married Mary E. Tower of Faribault, Minn., daughter of George Tower an early settler and first Mayor of the town, Jan. 1, 1887.

Mr. Taylor and family have lived in Faribault, Minn. most of their lives and he was for years in the buss business with his father Horace Taylor. Mr. Taylor is a lover of the out-of-doors and is local secretary of the Isaac Walton League.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-32 i Erna, b. Sept. 6, 1890, m. Hector Ferguson.  
 A1-33 ii Jean, b. Sept. 12, 1892, m. Wm. Elliot Cowan.  
*Born at Faribault, Minn.*

**A1-32 ERNA TAYLOR (FERGUSON)** 10, Ernest Taylor 9, Leonora Kendall 8, Juliana Ntting 7, George 6, John 5. Erna Taylor was the eldest child of Ernest A. Taylor and wife Mary (Tower) Taylor. Born July 6, 1890 at Faribault, Minn.; m. Hector Ferguson, Alameda, Calif.

#### CHILDREN, ELEVENTH GENERATION

*Born at Alameda, California*

- A1-34 i Neil Taylor, b. March 15, 1922.  
 A1-35 ii Janet, b. July 20, 1924.

**A1-33 JEAN TAYLOR (COWAN)** 10, Ernest Taylor 9, Leonora Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Jean Taylor was the second child of Ernest Taylor and wife Mary (Tower) Taylor. Born Sept. 12, 1892 at Faribault, Minn.; m. Wm. Elliot Cowan of Colorado Springs, Colo.

#### CHILDREN, ELEVENTH GENERATION

*Born at Faribault, Minn.*

- A1-36 i Elizabeth, b. March 14, 1920.  
 A1-37 ii Corinne, b. Sept. 13, 1922.

**A1-27 LULU TAYLOR (TURNER)** 9, Leonora Taylor 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Lulu Leola Taylor was the second child of Horace W. Taylor and wife Leonora (Kendall) Taylor. Born June 23, 1863 at Merton, Minn.; d. April 1, 1892, age 28. Married Albert Turner of Faribault, Minn., who also died early in life.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-38 Marguerite, b. Dec. 27, 1891, Faribault, Minn.; m. Roger W. Peavey.

**A1-38 MARGUERITE TURNER (PEAVEY)** 10, Lulu Taylor 9, Leonora Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Marguerite Turner was the only child of Albert Turner and wife Lulu (Taylor) Turner. Born Dec. 27, 1891 at Faribault, Minn.; m. Roger Weld Peavey of Faribault, Minn. Mr. Peavey is Asst. Cashier of the Security National Bank of Faribault, and manager of the Trust Department of the Bank.

CHILDREN, ELEVENTH GENERATION

*Born at Faribault, Minn.*

A1-39 i Richard, b. April 20, 1916.

A1-40 ii Marilyn, b. July 16, 1918.

**A1-28 CLARENCE TAYLOR** 9, Leonora Taylor 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Clarence Herbert Taylor was the second child of Horace W. Taylor and wife Leonora (Kendall) Taylor. Born Sept. 20, 1866 at Faribault, Minn.; m. Georgianna Chamberlain of Pontiac, Mich., Nev. 15, 1894.

CHILDREN, NONE

**A1-29 LESLIE TAYLOR** 9, Leonora Taylor 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Leslie Kendall Taylor was the fourth child of Horace W. Taylor and wife Leonora (Kendall) Taylor. Born Aug. 2, 1869 at Faribault, Minn.; d. April 25, 1902. Married Thais Payant of Faribault, Minn. He engaged in the lumbering business in Aitkin County, Minn., where he died as the result of an injury.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Faribault, Minn.*

A1-41 i Horace Joseph, b. Nov. 29, 1896; unm.

A1-42 ii Alexander Vernon, b. Sept. 2, 1898; unm.

**A1-31 AIMEE TAYLOR (HOERGER)** 9, Leonora Taylor 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Aimee Taylor was the sixth child of Horace W. Taylor and wife Leonora (Kendall) Taylor. Born Jan. 5, 1880 at Faribault, Minn.; m. Benjamin Hoerger of Faribault, Minn. Mr. Hoerger is a lawyer and they live in Minneapolis, Minn.

CHILDREN, NONE

**A1-16 FRANK KENDALL** 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Frank Leslie Kendall was the third child of Mosely J. Kendall and wife Juliana (Nutting) Kendall. Born April 30, 1842 at Belchertown, Mass.

Married first to Mary Barrett of Faribault, Minn. Married second Mary Helen Byfield of Minneapolis, Minn. He was a Civil War soldier with his brother George Lyman in Company A, 7th Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers. He enlisted in August, 1862 and remained in the service until the end of the war having been confined in the army hospital for several months from where he received his honorable discharge. He lives in Northfield, Minn.



## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*First Marriage*

A1-43 Harry Leslie, b. March 30, 1868 at Northfield, Minn.; d. May 24, 1903; m. Marjie Boles.

**A1-43 HARRY KENDALL** 9, Frank Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Harry Leslie Kendall was the only child of Frank Leslie Kendall and wife Mary (Barrett) Kendall. Born March 30, 1868 at Northfield, Minn.; d. May 24, 1903. Married Marjie Boles, and they lived at Beldenville, Wis.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Beldenville, Wis.*

A1-44 i Vera, b. April 20, 1895; unm.

A1-45 ii Verda, b. June 27, 1897; unm.

**A1-17 JULIA KENDALL (SANBORN-HIBBARD)** 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Julia Shipman Kendall was the fourth child of Mosely J. Kendall and wife Juliana (Nutting) Kendall. Born Oct. 24, 1844 at Belchertown, Mass. Married first, John Henry Sanborn of Sedalia, Missouri in 1870; married second Rev. A. G. Hibbard of Windsor, Mo., on April 3, 1888. She is living with her daughter Faith Brainard in Hartford, Conn.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*First Marriage, Born at Sedalia, Mo.*

A1-46 i Faith, b. July 25, 1877; m. Homer Worthington Brainard.

A1-47 ii Ruby, b. Feb. 3, 1881; unm. She graduated from Mt. Holyoke College, So. Hadley, Mass., in the class of 1903, and is now in Mass. Agricultural College as Investigator of Poultry Husbandry.

## LETTER BY MRS. JULIA KENDALL HIBBARD

*Under date of June 14, 1925, she writes as follows—*

"Dear Cousin Walter:

For the son of my dear cousin Elijah Nutting, whom I knew when I lived in Faribault sixty years ago, must be a dear cousin to me.

Also I remember how kind it was in your wife to make the little party for me that day I spent with your parents when I visited in Faribault—oh, more than twenty years ago. To be sure you would not recognize me, nor I you, but we are both the Nutting family, and I would be glad to tell you all that I can of my mother's family. My son-in-law, Homer W. Brainard is a fine genealogist and has edited several genealogies, and if there is anything you wish to learn that he has in regard to the Nutting family, please tell me what you would like. There were so many inaccurate statement in the Nutting genealogy by Rev. John Keep Nutting that he has found that it hardly seems to be a worth while book at all.

It seems too bad that we could not have met you and your family when you visited New England two years ago.

I have a photograph of the old Nutting place in So. Amherst, that cousin Samuel Nutting, son of Porter Nutting gave me several years ago, but think it probable that my cousin Abbie Henry of Amherst has already supplied you with that, and the photograph of the "seven sisters" all born and married in the same old south room of this little house to which my grandfather, George Nutting, took his bride Judith Hastings so many years ago.

Amelia was the youngest one of the sisters, my mother, Juliana, the oldest. I have several copies of this poem that Edward Church (a relative) wrote for the Golden Wedding of Aunt Amelia and Uncle George Hannum, but think the photograph of the house the only one I have, so am loaning that one. The west windows of the old south room are hidden by the branches of the tree. The other house is the Bridgman's which was sold a few years ago. Very likely Cousin Abbie has already supplied you with this same material."

PORTION OF "LIFE STORY"  
OF MRS. JULIA KENDALL HIBBARD  
and Her Mother  
JULIANA NUTTING (KENDALL)  
*(as written by herself)*

See Chapter XVII on "PIONEER DAYS OF NUTTING'S  
IN MINNESOTA."

**A1-46** FAITH SANBORN (BRAINARD) 9, Julia Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Faith Sanborn was the eldest child of John Henry Sanborn and wife Julia (Kendall) Sanborn. Born July 25, 1877 at Sedalia, Missouri. She graduated from Mr. Holyoke Seminary, So. Hadley, Mass., in the class of 1900. Married Homer Worthington Brainard of Hartford, Conn. He is a professor of Mathematics and has done considerable Genealogical work. Among others he has compiled a Genealogy of the first 4 and 5 generations of the Nutting Family in America from John Nutting the first of Groton, Mass., and published by Walter M. Nutting of Faribault, Minn., 1927. In the forepart of this book is printed his findings and conclusions as to the ancestry of our John Nutting of South Amherst. (p. 27).

CHILDREN, NONE

**A1-18** ISADORE KENDALL (STILES) 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Isadore Sherwood Kendall was the fifth child of Mosely J. Kendall and wife Juliana (Nutting) Kendall. Born Oct. 21, 1846 at Belchertown, Mass. Married Gidney A. Stiles of Southbury, Conn., May 30, 1870 by Rev. Asa B. Smith whose wife was Harriet E. Nutting. Isadore lived with Aunt Hattie two years before her marriage.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

A1-48 i Raymond Francis, b. Nov. 6, 1872 at Windsor, Missouri; m. Eleanor Nutting.

A1-49 ii Edith Kendall, b. Southbury, Conn., May 28, 1875; unm.

A1-50 iii Clarence Gidney, b. Oct. 15, 1879, Southbury, Conn.; m. Alice Haskin McMullen.

**A1-48** RAYMOND STILES 9, Isadore Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Raymond Francis Stiles was the eldest child of Gidney Stiles and wife Isadore (Kendall) Stiles. Born Nov. 6, 1872 at Windsor, Missouri. Married Eleanor Mae Nutting, Nov. 18, 1908 at Millerton, New York.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Southbury, Conn.*

A1-51 i Ruth Judson Stiles, b. Dec. 5, 1910.

A1-52 ii David Nutting Stiles, b. May 12, 1916.

**A1-50** CLARENCE STILES 9, Isadore Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Clarence Gidney Stiles was the third child of Gidney Stiles and wife Isadore (Kendall) Stiles. Born Oct. 15, 1879 at Southbury, Conn. Married Alice Haskins McMullen on Jan. 19, 1909 at Stoney Creek, Conn. She was born at Imlay City, Mich., Dec. 4, 1879.

#### CHILDREN, NONE REPORTED

**A1-20** FREDERICK KENDALL 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Frederick Mosely Kendall was the seventh child of Mosely J. Kendall and wife Juliana (Nutting) Kendall. Born March 28, 1852 at Saybrook, Conn. Married Elizabeth Houts in 1884. They evidently lived in Windsor, Mo. and Carthage, Mo., where their children were born and they are reported as now living in Seattle, Wash.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

A1-53 i Ninian, b. Dec. 17, 1886, Windsor, Missouri, d. Dec. 17, 1886.

A1-54 ii Katherine Alice, b. May 3, 1888, Windsor, Missouri; m. Lawrence E. Wells.

A1-55 iii Gertrude Margaret, b. June 27, 1892, Carthage, Mo.; m. Roscoe Fear.

A1-56 iv Philip Thornton, b. May 13, 1894, Carthage, Mo.; m. Naomi Hilliker.

A1-57 v Julia Nutting, b. March 17, 1897, Carthage, Mo.; unm.

**A1-54** KATHERINE KENDALL (WELLS) 9, Frederick Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Katherine Alice Kendall was the second child of Frederick M. Kendall and wife Elizabeth (Houts) Kendall. Born May 3, 1888 at Windsor, Mo. Married Laurence Edward Wells of Walla Walla, Washington.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

A1-58 Mary Elizabeth, b. Oct. 23, 1915, Walla Walla, Wash.

**A1-55** GERTRUDE KENDALL (FEAR) 9, Frederick Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Gertrude Margaret Kendall was the third child of Frederick Mosely Kendall and wife Elizabeth (Houts) Kendall. Born June 27, 1892, Carthage, Mo. Married Roscoe Fear of Aberdeen, Washington, where they are now living.

#### CHILDREN, NONE



**A1-56** PHILIP KENDALL 9, Frederick Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Philip Thornton Kendall was the fourth child of Frederick Mosely Kendall and wife Elizabeth (Houts) Kendall. Born May 13, 1894 at Carthage, Mo. Married Naomi Hilliker, Oct. 24, 1917 at Seattle, Wash. Soon after his marriage he went to France and was an aviator during the remainder of the World war.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

A1-59 Phyllis, b. May 10, 1918.

**A1-21** HARRIET KENDALL (GOULD) 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Harriet Amelia Kendall was the eighth child of Mosely J. Kendall and wife Juliana (Nutting) Kendall. Born March 5, 1854 at Saybrook, Conn.; d. Oct. 28, 1891, age 44. Married Albion Gould in 1881 and lived in Windsor, Mo.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

A1-60 Margaret Baily, b. May 24, 1884, Windsor, Mo.; d. Aug. 17, 1895.

**A1-22** JENNIE KENDALL (WHITNEY) 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Jennie Cordelia Kendall was the ninth child of Mosely J. Kendall and wife Juliana (Nutting) Kendall. Born April 24, 1856 at Saybrook, Conn. Married Laurence Whitney in 1882, and they live in Carthage, Mo.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Carthage, Mo.*

A1-61 i Ethel, b. July 19, 1884; m. Ralph Bishop Howland.

A1-62 ii Ruth, b. Nov. 3, 1887; m. Hobart I. Moses.

**A1-61** ETHEL WHITNEY (HOWLAND) 9, Jennie Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Ethel Whitney was the eldest child of Laurence E. Whitney and Jennie (Kendall) Whitney. Born July 19, 1884 at Carthage, Mo. Married Ralph Bishop Howland of Port Chester, N. Y.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

A1-64 Laurence Whitney, b. April 16, 1916, Keokuk, Iowa.

**A1-62** RUTH WHITNEY (MOSES) 9, Jennie Kendall 8, Juliana Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Ruth Whitney was the second child of Laurence E. Whitney and Jennie (Kendall) Whitney. Born Nov. 3, 1887 at Carthage, Mo. Married Hobart Ivor Moses, Oct. 20, 1916, at Carthage, Mo. They live at Oklahoma City, Okla.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Carthage, Mo.*

A1-64 i Martha Ann, b. June 24, 1917.

A1-65 ii Hobart Ivor, b. July 22, 1920.

## A1-3

### Judith Nutting (Ferry) Branch

SEVENTH GENERATION

**A-3** JUDITH NUTTING (FERRY) 7, George 6, John 5. Judith Nutting was the third child of George Nutting and wife Judith (Hastings) Nutting. Born Sept. 2, 1815 at South Amherst, Mass.; died Feb. 16, 1897,

age 81. She and her husband were buried at Kent, Ohio, in the same grave he having died the day previous.

Married Aaron Ferry, May 9, 1837 of Amherst, Mass., son of Aaron Ferry, Sr. Born July 6, 1808; died Feb. 15, 1897 at Kent, Ohio, age 88.

In the Old Truman Nutting Account Book, Nuttingville, Mass., page 5 we find the following:—

1833	Aaron Ferry	Credit
	By work in my shop, price agreed.....	\$ 5.00
Oct. 25	By work at sundry times.....	11.40
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		\$16.40
1834	Aaron Ferry	Debit
	To 1 dbl. cast steel jointer.....	\$1.92
	To 1 dbl. cast steel jack plane.....	1.37
	To 1 single cast steel jack plane.....	.96
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		\$4.26

This would indicate that Aaron Ferry was a mechanic and had worked in the shop of Truman Nutting at Nuttingville shortly before his marriage to Judith Nutting who was the daughter of Truman's half brother, George Nutting. They afterwards settled in Kent, Ohio, where many of their descendants of their large family still reside.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born at Kent, Ohio*

- A1-66 i George William, b. June 12, 1842; d. Jan. 14, 1925; m. Mary E. Gardner.
- A1-67 ii Charles Eli, b. May 21, 1846; d. Sept. 13, 1849.
- A1-68 iii Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 24, 1848; d. Aug. 21, 1849.
- A1-69 iv Frank Hastings, b. Sept. 2, 1849; d. June 2, 1902; m. Marilla Frasier.
- A1-70 v Julia Amelia, b. April 8, 1851; unm.. A teacher and the last of the family.
- A1-71 vi Frederick Aaron, b. Nov. 13, 1854; m. Francia V. Zembrodi.
- A1-72 vii William Dwight, b. Dec. 23, 1857; d. Sept. 27, 1913; m. Emma Ulrich.
- A1-73 viii John Henry, b. April 19, 1860; m. Emma Reynolds.

**A1-66** GEORGE FERRY 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. George William Ferry was the eldest child of Aaron Ferry and wife Judith (Nutting) Ferry. Born June 12, 1842 at Kent, Ohio; died Jan. 14, 1925, age 83. Married Mary E. Gardner, March 23, 1869. She died June 21, 1893. He was a Civil War Veteran and brickmaker by trade.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Kent, Ohio*

- A1-74 i Grace Estelle, b. Oct. 19, 1872; m. Charles Tiffals.
- A1-75 ii Charles Gardner, b. Aug. 1, 1880; d. June 28, 1893.

- A1-76 iii Caroline, b. Sept. 20, 1882; d. June 24, 1893.  
 A1-77 iv Reuben Lee, b. April 15, 1890; d. April 17, 1890.

**A1-74 GRACE FERRY (TIFFALS)** 9, George Ferry 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Grace Estelle Ferry was the eldest child of George William Ferry and wife Mary (Gardner) Ferry. Born Oct. 19, 1872 at Kent, Ohio. Married Charles Tiffals, Nov. 21, 1898.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-78 i George Lincoln, b. Feb. 10, 1900.  
 A1-79 ii Mary, b. Sept. 4, 1908.  
 A1-80 iii Charles Hermon, b. Feb. 6, 1911.

**A1-69 FRANK FERRY** 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Frank Hastings Ferry was the fourth child of Aaron Ferry and wife Judith (Nutting) Ferry. Born Sept. 2, 1849 at Kent, Ohio; died June 2, 1902 at Kent, Ohio, age 53. Married Marilla Frasier of Kent, Ohio. She died Jan. 8, 1891. He was a teamster.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Kent, Ohio*

- A1-81 i Rose May, b. Sept. 29, 1868; m. ——— Bruno.  
 A1-82 ii Flora, b. Oct. 12, 1874 (?); m. William Emery.  
 A1-83 iii Harry, b. Jan. 2, 1880; m. Florence Hicks.  
 A1-84 iv Nettie, b. ———; d. ———.  
 A1-85 v Lillie, b. ———; d. ———.

**A1-81 ROSE FERRY (BRUNO)** 9, Frank Ferry 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Rose May Ferry was the eldest child of Frank H. Ferry and wife Marilla (Frasier) Ferry. Born Sept. 29, 1868 at Kent, Ohio. Married ——— Bruno.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-86 i Maud May, b. May 1, 1890.  
 A1-87 ii Elmer Frank, b. March 14, 1896.  
 A1-88 iii Laura M., b. April 6, 1899.  
 A1-89 iv Duth Isora, b. Jan. 21, 1905.  
 A1-90 v Donald Burdett, b. Feb. 4, 1908.

**A1-82 FLORA FERRY (EMERY)** 9, Frank Ferry 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Flora Ferry was the second child of Frank H. Ferry and wife Marilla (Frasier) Ferry. Born Oct. 12, 1874 (?) at Kent, Ohio. Married Will Emery, Nov. 13, 1894.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-91 Helen, b. ———.

**A1-83 HARRY FERRY** 9, Frank Ferry 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Harry Ferry was the third child of Frank H. Ferry and wife Marilla (Frasier) Ferry. Born Jan. 2, 1880 at Kent, Ohio. Married Florence Hicks in 1918.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-92 Franklin Eugene, b. Feb. 9, 1919.



**A1-71** FREDERICK FERRY 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Frederick Aaron Ferry was the sixth child of Aaron Ferry and wife Judith (Nutting) Ferry. Born Nov. 13, 1854 at Kent, Ohio. Married Francia V. Zembrodi of Brimfield on Oct. 11, 1882. He was a farmer and lived at Kent, Ohio.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Kent, Ohio*

- A1-93 i Raymond, b. Oct. 15, 1883.
- A1-94 ii Robert Earl, b. Feb. 17, 1885; d. March 18, 1908.
- A1-95 iii Nellie Maud, b. Nov. 13, 1886; d. Oct. 18, 1901.
- A1-96 iv Nina L., b. Oct. 11, 1888; m. Tom Rogers.
- A1-97 v Ross, b. April 8, 1891; m. Helen McCardle.
- A1-98 vi Harold, b. July 29, 1883.
- A1-99 vii Mary Lucile, b. June 5, 1896; d. Oct. 1901.
- A1-100 viii Niel, b. June 2, 1902.

**A1-96** NINA FERRY (ROGERS) 9, Frederick Ferry 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Nina Ferry was the fourth child of Frederick Aaron Ferry and wife Francia (Zembrodi) Ferry. Born Oct. 11, 1888 at Kent, Ohio. Married Tom Rogers.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-101 Charles, b. \_\_\_\_\_.

**A1-97** ROSS FERRY 9, Frederick Ferry 8, Judith Hastings 7, George 6, John 5. Ross Ferry was the fifth child of Frederick Aaron Ferry and wife Francia (Zembrodi) Ferry. Born April 8, 1891 at Kent, Ohio. Married Helen McCardle.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-102 i Eva Hay, b. \_\_\_\_\_.
- A1-103 ii Ross, Jr., b. \_\_\_\_\_.
- A1-104 iii Mary Frances, b. \_\_\_\_\_.

**A1-72** WILLIAM FERRY 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. William Dwight Ferry was the seventh child of Aaron Ferry and Judith (Nutting) Ferry. Born Dec. 23, 1857 at Kent, Ohio; died Sept. 27, 1913, age 55. Married Emma Ulrich, April, 1891. She died Nov. 1911. His occupation was farming.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Kent, Ohio*

- A1-105 i Elmer, b. 1892.
- A1-106 ii Myron Eli, b. 1897.

**A1-73** JOHN FERRY 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. John Henry Ferry was the eighth child of Aaron Ferry and wife Judith (Nutting) Ferry. Born April 19, 1860 at Kent, Ohio. Married Emma Reynolds of Brimfield, June 24, 1885. He was a farmer and brickmaker.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Kent, Ohio*

- A1-107 i Marian Edith, b. July 28, 1886; m. Alfred Fenn.  
 A1-108 ii Jay Reynolds, b. Jan. 22, 1890; m. Lilian B. Herwig.  
 A1-109 iii Lee, b. May 20, 1894; m. Doris Roger.  
 A1-110 iv Ruth, b. Aug. 23, 1896.  
 A1-111 v Glen, b. April 12, 1898; (Twin with Gail).  
 A1-112 vi Gail, b. April 12, 1898; m. Merle Guise.

**A1-107 MARIAN FERRY (FENN)** 9, John Ferry 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Marian Edith Ferry was the eldest child of John Henry Ferry and wife Emma (Reynolds) Ferry. Born July 28, 1886 at Kent, Ohio. Married Alfred Fenn, Aug. 17, 1910.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Kent, Ohio*

- A1-113 i Edith, b. March 9, 1913.  
 A1-114 ii Arlene, b. Jan. 21, 1921.

**A1-108 JAY FERRY** 9, John Ferry 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Jay Reynolds Ferry was the second child of John Ferry and wife Emma (Reynolds) Ferry. Born an. 22, 1890 at Kent, Ohio. Married Lilian Blackman Herwig, Sept. 28, 1915.

## CHILDREN, NONE

**A1-109 LEE FERRY** 9, John Ferry 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Lee Ferry was the third child of John Henry Ferry and wife Emma (Reynolds) Ferry. Born May 20, 1894 at Kent, Ohio. Married Doris Roger, Aug. 27, 1917.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Kent, Ohio*

- A1-115 i Patsy, b. May 17, 1918; d. May 18, 1918.  
 A1-116 ii James Lee, b. June 20, 1919.  
 A1-117 iii John Roger, b. Jan. 12, 1921.  
 A1-118 iv Glenwood, b. April 9, 1823.

**A1-112 GAIL FERRY (GUISE)** 9, John Ferry 8, Judith Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Gail Ferry was the sixth child with twin brother Glen of John Henry Ferry and wife Emma (Reynolds) Ferry. Born April 12, 1898 at Kent, Ohio. Married Merle Guise, Oct. 11, 1924.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-119 Emogene, b. Oct. 11, 1925 at Stowe, Ohio.

## A1-4

**John Hastings Nutting Branch**

## SEVENTH GENERATION

**A1-4** JOHN NUTTING 7, George 6, John 5. John Hastings Nutting was the fourth child of George Nutting and wife Judith (Hastings) Nutting. Born Feb. 1, 1818 at South Amherst, Mass.; died Sept. 25, 1897 at Brightwood, Springfield, Mass, age 79. Married Harriet A. Moore of Lowell, Mass., June 2, 1846 at Newton, Mass.; b. Sept. 26, 1819; d. April 16, 1899 at Brightwood, Springfield, Mass., age 79.

As a young man of 22 years of age John Nutting was evidently of a mechanical turn of mind and worked in the tool shop of his half uncle Truman Nutting at Nuttingville, for in the Old Truman Nutting Account Book we find among other items the following:—

1840	John H. Nutting	Credit
Feb. 8	By 27½ days work at Turning	
	By 9½ days work	
	Total 37 days	
	The above work at 77cts. pr. day.....	\$28.49

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

- A1-120 i George Chauncey, b. Nov. 22, 1848, Amherst; d. June 12, 1917; m. Fannie D. Skinner.  
 A1-121 ii Ella Mona, b. Nov. 4, 1850, Amherst; d. Sept. 19, 1852.  
 A1-122 iii Nellie Maria, b. Aug. 11, 1853; Hadley; d. Oct. 20, 1872.  
 A1-123 iv Jennie Whipple, b. Oct. 6, 1855; Hadley; m. Frederic Southmayd.  
 A1-124 v Mary Bridgman, b. Dec. 22, 1857; Hadley; d. Jan. 1, 1863.

**A1-120** GEORGE NUTTING 8, John 7, George 6, John 5. George Chauncey Nutting was the eldest child of John Hastings Nutting and wife Harriet (Moore) Nutting. Born Nov. 22, 1848 at Amherst, Mass.; died June 12, 1917, age 68. Married Fannie Downing Skinner of Amherst, Mass.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- A1-125 Leona Alfarette, b. March 1, 1872 Hadley; d. Nov. 8, 1875.

**A1-123** JENNIE NUTTING (SOUTHMAYD) 8, John 7, George 6, John 5. Jennie Whipple Nutting was the fourth child of John Hastings Nutting and wife Harriet (Moore) Nutting. Born Oct. 6, 1855 at Hadley, Mass. Married Frederic G. Southmayd of Springfield, Mass., June 15, 1880. He died Dec. 28, 1921.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Springfield, Mass.*

- A1-126 i Pearl Agnes, b. May 20, 1881.  
 A1-127 ii Leon Nutting, b. Oct. 21, 1883; m. Irene A. Kline.  
 A1-128 iii Philip, b. ———, 1890; d. Feb. 1, 1915.



**A1-127** LEON SOUTHMAYD 9, Jennie Nutting 8, John 7, George 6, John 5. Leon Nutting Southmayd was the second child of Frederic Southmayd and wife Jennie (Nutting) Southmayd. Born Oct. 21, 1883 at Springfield, Mass. Married Irene A. Kline, July 28, 1909.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

**A1-129** Geraldine, b. March 15, 1917.

## A1-5

### Mary Nutting Bridgman Branch

SEVENTH GENERATION

**A1-5** MARY NUTTING (BRIDGMAN) 7, George 6, John 5. Mary Nutting was the fifth child of George Nutting and wife Judith (Hastings) Nutting. Born March 27, 1820 at South Amherst, Mass.; died Dec. 21, 1891, age 71. Married Richard Baxter Bridgman of South Amherst, Mar. 22, 1843, b. Jan. 25, 1817; d. July 27, 1882, age 65. Baxter Bridgman, as he was called, was the educator and Schoolmaster of the District School at Nuttingville in the early 50's.

Their large family of sons and daughters became prominently identified in educational, literary and religious work throughout the East and the world.

In answer to a question his daughter Mary Boyd says—

"Yes my father was a teacher at the Nuttingville school about the middle of the last century. I believe only in the winter terms. At that time he was still living at his father's home place on the Bay Road.

"About 1854 he bought a farm near South Amherst Church where in 1868 he built a large and attractive house. This home continued in possession of the family until 1927. At his home he died in 1882 after a life of active, useful service in church and the town."

*History of Amherst, page 579.*

Richard Baxter Bridgman, son of Jonathan, was born in Amherst, at the old Bridgman homestead at South Amherst. He was a successful farmer, one of the strong men of the South Parish and Church serving as deacon for several years.

CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born at South Amherst, Mass.*

- A1-130** i Herbert Lawrence, b. May 30, 1844; d. Sept. 24, 1924; m. twice.
- A1-131** ii Helena Frances, b. May 25, 1846; m. Rev. Charles M. Lamson.
- A1-132** iii Raymond Landon, b. Sept. 26, 1848; d. Feb. 20, 1925; m. Mary A. M. Williams.
- A1-133** iv Arthur Milnor, b. Jan. 2, 1851; d. July 18, 1925; m. Miriam Gay.
- A1-134** v Loraine Humphrey, b. Aug. 31, 1854; d. Aug. 10, 1860.
- A1-135** vi Mary Lyon, b. Aug. 15, 1856; m. Rev. Herbert Wendell Boyd.

- A1-136 vii Lauren Armsby, b. May 1, 1858; d. Feb. 11, 1859.  
 A1-137 viii Gertrude Louisa, b. April 21, 1860; unm. Was a teacher for several years in Chicago and after that went back to the old homestead in South Amherst to manage the farm there. She has since left and is living with friends in Washington, D. C.  
 A1-138 ix Clara Almeda, b. Aug. 18, 1863; unm.. Spent many years in Y. W. C. A. work in Boston.  
 A1-139 x Amy Sherman, b. Nov. 13, 1865. Was formerly a teacher. Now lives in Winchester, Mass., and is a prominent member of the Boston Author's Club.

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**A1-130 HERBERT BRIDGMAN** 8, Mary Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Herbert Lawrence Bridgman was the eldest child of Richard Baxter Bridgman and wife Mary (Nutting) Bridgman. Born May 30, 1844 at South Amherst, Mass.; died Sept. 24, 1924 at sea, age 80. He was buried from the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, N. Y. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery.

Married first to Melia Newhall of Springfield, Mass., on Oct. 7, 1868 at Amherst, Mass. Died Aug., 1884 in Brooklyn, N. Y. Married second to Helen Bartlett of New York City on Sept. 7, 1887 at New York City. She is a gifted writer and survives her husband. Mr. Bridgman's home was in Brooklyn, N. Y. He was a noted journalist and traveler. The story of his life and achievements follow in part under title of "His Last Voyage."

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

##### *First Marriage*

- A1-140 Robert, b. Nov. 24, 1874, Brooklyn, N. Y.; d. March 21, 1914. m. Marion Kloploth.

#### "HIS LAST VOYAGE"

This is the title of a 64 page volume published by the Brooklyn Standard Union after the death of

#### HERBERT LAWRENCE BRIDGMAN

as a

*"Tribute to his memory, as also a recognition of messages of sympathy."*

From it we gather the principal events of his life as follows:—

- 1844 May 30, born the son of Richard Baxter Bridgman and wife Mary (Nutting) Bridgman.  
 1864 Engaged in newspaper work. Had connections with papers in New York, Washington and Springfield, Mass.  
 1868 Married first wife Melia Newhall by whom he had one son both of whom he survived.  
 1877 Elected member of executive council of Psi Upsilon fraternity, of which he later became president. Was also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and ex-president of the Amherst Association.  
 1877 Married second wife Helen Bartlett, who was a gifted writer and survived him at his death.

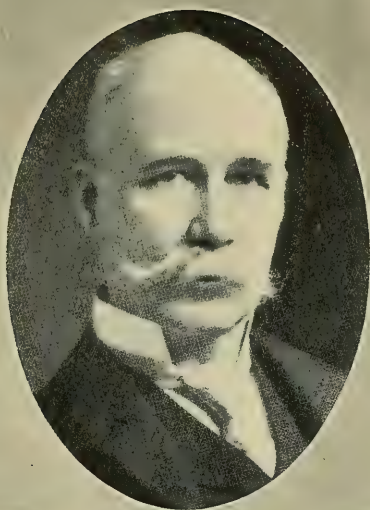
- 1889 Became business manager of The Brooklyn Standard Union. He became one of the most widely traveled men. His acquaintanceship covered the globe and his daily mail kept him in touch with every corner of civilization.
- He was an enthusiast in the cause of polar exploration and for a long time served as Secretary of the Peary Arctic Club.
- 1894 He was historian of the Peary auxiliary expedition.
- 1899 and 1901 Commanded two more Peary auxiliary expeditions.
- 1909 IT WAS MR. BRIDGMAN WHO MADE POSSIBLE THE FINAL DISCOVERY OF THE NORTH POLE BY THE LATE ADMIRAL PEARY. As Secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, he organized and promoted the voyage of the Roosevelt which bore the discoverer to the Arctic.
- When in the summer of 1909, the world was electrified by the news that Admiral Peary had conquered at last and had planted the American flag on the Pole, the first message came to Mr. Bridgman in Brooklyn, at that moment busily engaged in the effort to refute the rival claims of Dr. Cook.
- 1913 He was a delegate to Rome of the United States National Geographic Society, the Peary Arctic Explorers and Arctic Clubs to the International Congress for the study of Polar Regions. Previous to that he had attended similar conventions at Brussels, Belgium.
- 1915 Since that year he had been president of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. He was one of the founders of the American Alpine Club and a member of the Royal, American, National and Philadelphia Geographical Societies, also the Association of American Geographers.
- 1917 Elected a member of the Board of Regents of the state of New York.
- 1919 Elected Honorary Fellow of the American Museum of Natural History.
- 1920 Given honorary degree of LL.D. by his alma mater, Amherst College.
- 1921 Rank of Officer of the Order of St. Alexander by King Ferdinand of Bulgaria for writings on travel in that country.
- 1923 April 9, returned from a seventeen months trip through the Panama Canal, Southern California and the Hawaiian Islands in the interests of the University of New York and Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.
- 1924 Sept. 24, died suddenly at sea on S.S. *Newport*.

*"His Last Voyage"*

"Referring to himself as an "ancient Mariner"—he had just celebrated his 80th birthday. Mr. Bridgman had accepted with alacrity the invitation to accompany the cadets on their annual cruise aboard the *Newport*. He represented the University of New York, of which he was a regent, and which sponsors this floating academy, and while aboard he lectured on American History and Civics to the school-boys. He wrote a series of mail dispatches describing the cruise which have appeared in the Sunday newspapers."

Mr. Bridgman's Clubs included:—Harvard, Travelers, Union League, Psi Upsilon, Explorers, Hamilton and Brooklyn Chambers of Commerce, and was one of the founders of the University Club of Brooklyn."

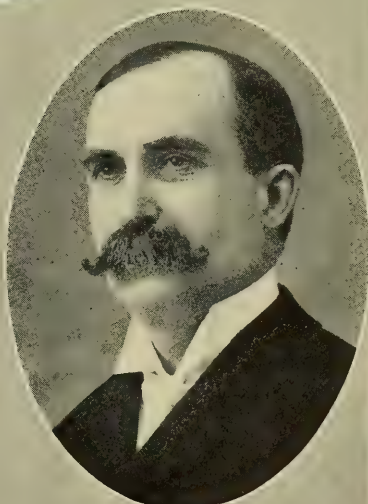




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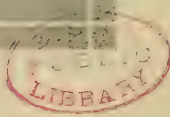
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THE THREE BRIDGMAN BROTHERS (Eighth Generation)

1. HERBERT LAWRENCE BRIDGMAN  
 2. RAYMOND LANDON BRIDGMAN      3. ARTHUR MILNOR BRIDGMAN  
 Sons of MARY (NUTTING) Bridgman





**A1-140 ROBERT BRIDGMAN** 9, Herbert Bridgman 8, Mary Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Robert Bridgman was the only child of Herbert L. Bridgman and first wife Melia (Newhall) Bridgman. Born Nov. 24, 1874 at Brooklyn, N. Y.; d. March 21, 1914, age 39. Married Marion Kloploth of Jersey City. He was a graduate of Amherst College. After graduation he became a journalist, working on the New York Times and later on the New York Mail.

After his marriage his home was in Jersey City, but his death occurred in Bomoseen, Vermont where he had gone in hope of improved health.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION  
*Born in Jersey City, New Jersey*

- A1-141 i Katherine, b. Nov. 2, 1902. Unmarried and doing clerical work with a Jersey City Trust Co.  
A1-142 ii Herbert Lawrence, Jr., b. April 26, 1904. Unmarried and in the employ of a Telegraph and Telephone Co. of New York City.

**A1-131 HELENA BRIDGMAN (LAMSON)** 8, Mary Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Helena Frances Bridgman was the second child of Richard Baxter Bridgman and his wife Mary (Nutting) Bridgman. Born May 25, 1846 at South Amherst, Mass. Married Rev. Charles M. Lamson, then of North Bridgewater, Mass., on Dec. 25, 1869 at So. Amherst. He died Aug. 8, 1889. She, now a widow, lives in San Bernardino, Cal.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- A1-143 i Marion Helena, b. April 13, 1872, Worcester, Mass., m. twice.  
A1-144 ii Theodore, b. June 14, 1875, Worcester, Mass.; m. Julia M. Calvert.  
A1-145 iii Richard, b. April 3, 1877, Worcester, Mass.; m. Lora Bitner.  
A1-146 iv Charles Edwin, b. Nov. 27, 1878, Worcester, Mass.; m. Helen Westgate.  
A1-147 v Kenneth Worcester, b. Oct. 20, 1885, St. Jonhsbury, Vt.; m. Esther Dempoey.

**A1-143 MARION LAMSON (MATTHEWS-GOODCELL)** 9, Helena Bridgman 8, Mary Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Marion Helena Lamson was the eldest child of Chas. M. Lamson and wife Helena (Bridgman) Lamson. Born April 13, 1872 at Worcester, Mass. Married first Robert E. Matthews of Chicago in 1906. He died in 1908. Married second Henry Goodcell of San Bernardino, Calif. in 1911.

CHILDREN, NONE REPORTED

**A1-144 THEODORE LAMSON** 9, Helena Bridgman 8, Mary Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Theodore Lamson was the second child of Chas. M. Lamson and wife Helena (Bridgman) Lamson. Born June 14, 1875 at Worcester, Mass. Married Julia M. Calvert of New London, Conn.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-148 Charles Marion, b. April 20, 1906.



**A1-145 RICHARD LAMSON** 9, Helena Bridgman 8, Mary Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Richard Lamson was the third child of Chas. M. Lamson and wife Helena (Bridgman) Lamson. Born April 3, 1877 at Worcester, Mass. Married Lora Bitner of Milwaukee, Wis. in 1912.

CHILDREN, NONE REPORTED

**A1-146 CHARLES LAMSON** 9, Helena Bridgman 8, Mary Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Chas. Edwin Lamson was the fourth child of Chas. M. Lamson and wife Helen (Bridgman) Lamson. Born Nov. 27, 1878 at Worcester, Mass. Married Helen Westgate of Watertown, Mass in 1908.

CHILDREN, NONE REPORTED

**A1-147 KENNETH LAMSON** 9, Helena Bridgman 8, Mary Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Kenneth Worcester Lamson was the fifth child of Chas. M. Lamson and wife Helena (Bridgman) Lamson. Born Oct. 20, 1885 at St. Johnsbury, Vt. Married Esther Dempsey of Chicago in 1917. Lives in New York City.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born in New York City*

A1-149 i Helena Mae, b. Nov. 5, 1919.

A1-150 ii Barbara, b. Sept. 10, 1921.

**A1-132 RAYMOND BRIDGMAN** 8, Mary Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Raymond Landon Bridgman was the third child of Richard Baxter Bridgman and wife Mary (Nutting) Bridgman. Born Sept. 26, 1848 at South Amherst; died Feb. 20, 1925, age 76 in Auburndale, Mass., and buried in Newton. Married Mary A. M. Williams at Amherst, Mass., Jan 6, 1880. She died May 2, 1922 in Auburndale, Mass.

He lived more than forty years of his life in Auburndale, a part of Newton, Mass., and enjoyed national prominence as a journalist and lecturer.

## BOSTON PRESS OBITUARY

RAYMOND L. BRIDGMAN, 76, JOURNALIST, DEAD

*Widely Known State House Correspondent, For Many Years Enterprise Representative There, Stricken at Breakfast Table.*

1925

Newton, Feb. 21—Funeral services for Raymond L. Bridgman, veteran newspaper reporter at the State House, who died Friday morning were held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 from the home, Hancock street, Auburndale. Mr. Bridgman, who was State House correspondent for the *Enterprise* for many years, was 76 years old.

Mr. Bridgman, one of the most widely known journalists in the eastern part of the United States and recognized as the *originator of the movement which resulted in the establishment of the League of Nations*, died as he was

about to sit down to his breakfast, preparatory to leaving for the State House in Boston, where for 47 years he had "covered" the deliberations of the Massachusetts legislature.

For more than 30 years Mr. Bridgman had worked for what he described as a world government, and which, as it developed, was the forerunner of the present League of Nations. Many notable men throughout the country had supported his movement and joined him as petitioners in seeking to bring about action by Congress which would initiate the plan among the nations.

His efforts met with their first success when, in 1915, when Calvin Coolidge was president of the State Senate, a resolution was adopted by the legislature of Massachusetts favoring entrance into the league.

It has been said that President Coolidge side-tracked the resolution for a time, until Mr. Bridgman could communicate with the late Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. A few days before his death Mr. Bridgman, in discussing the situation, said he received a letter from Senator Lodge, who afterwards became such a bitter opponent to the Wilson League of Nations, in which the senior senator from Massachusetts declared he would be very happy to present the resolution in the Senate. When shown this letter President Coolidge withdrew his objections and the resolution forthwith was adopted.

#### *Graduate of Amherst '71*

Mr. Bridgman was born in Amherst 76 years ago, the son of Richard Baxter and Mary Nutting Bridgman. He was one of eight children in a family that has gained wide distinction. He had two brothers, Herbert Lawrence and Arthur M. Bridgman. All three boys were graduated from Amherst College more than half a century ago, Raymond being a member of the class of 1871. He was a member of the class of 1870 for three years but was forced to drop out for a year because of ill health.

All three of the boys became newspapermen, receiving their first newspaper training on the staff of the Springfield Republican. After several years of experience, Mr. Bridgman entered the employ of the old Boston Advertiser, and was sent to the State House in 1878, where he had remained as the legislative correspondent for several newspapers throughout the State. During his legislative experience of nearly half a century he had been intimately acquainted with many thousands of men in Massachusetts politics, who always held him in the very highest esteem.

His brother, Herbert, who died on board ship on Sept. 24 of last year, had been regent of the University of the State of New York since 1917 and was with Admiral Peary in his trips to the North Pole. His passing marked the first death in the family of eight children, in 61 years. The other brother, Arthur M., who resides in Stoughton, is a veteran journalist, also at the State House, and survives him.

#### *Father of Prof. Bridgman*

Five sisters also are survivors, Mrs. Charles M. Lamson of San Bernardino, Calif., mother of the noted violinist who travels with Kreisler; Mrs. H. W. Boyd of Wareham, Gertrude L. Bridgman of Stoughton, at present

in Florida; Clara A. Bridgman of Stoughton, now in California and formerly connected with the Travelers' Aid Society, and Amy S. Bridgman of Winchester, a widely known author and secretary of the Authors' Club of Boston. Mr. Bridgman also leaves a son, Prof. Percy W. Bridgman of Cambridge, a noted Harvard scientist who has been decorated by several foreign governments for his contributions to science, and Florence N. Bridgman, who made her home with her father in Auburndale.

Mr. Bridgman was married in 1880 to Mary A. Williams of Amherst, who died about two years ago.

He was a member of Psi Upsilon, of which his brother Herbert had been the national head for 37 years. He had for many years been president of the Massachusetts State House Press Association, and was also a member of the Massachusetts Civil Service Reform Association, Free Trade League, American Anti-Imperialist League, and the American Society for International Law.

#### *Writer of Several Books*

He was the author of "The Independence of Massachusetts," "Ten Years of Massachusetts," "Biennial Elections," "The Master Idea," "Loyal Traitors," "World Organization," "The Passing of the Tariff," "The First Book of the World War," "The Constitutional Convention of 1917," "The Folly and Fallacy of Biennials," and in manuscript unprinted, "Massachusetts First." Mr. Bridgman was also a contributor to scores of magazines and newspapers. He was the first series lecturer on world politics at the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Both branches of the legislature Friday adopted resolutions regretting his death.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Auburndale, Mass.*

A1-151 i Percy Williams, b. April 21, 1882; m. Olive Ware.

A1-152 ii Florence Nutting, b. June 30, 1883; unm.

**A1-151 PERCY BRIDGMAN** 9, Raymond Bridgman 8, Mary Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Percy Williams Bridgman was the eldest child of Raymond Bridgman and wife Mary (Williams) Bridgman. Born April 21, 1882 at Auburndale, Mass. Married Olive Ware of Hartford, Conn.

He is a professor of Physics at Harvard, Cambridge, Mass., and has attained notoriety outside his own country having been decorated by several foreign governments for his contributions to science.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born in Boston, Mass.*

A1-153 i Jane, b. Jan. 15, 1914.

A1-154 ii Robert Ware, b. Dec. 9, 1915.

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**A1-133 ARTHUR BRIDGMAN** 8, Mary Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Arthur Milnor Bridgman was the fourth child of Richard Baxter Bridgman and Mary (Nutting) Bridgman. Born Jan. 2, 1851 at South Amherst,



Mass.; died July 18, 1925, age 74 at Winchester, Mass. Married Miriam Gay Nov. 12, 1879 at Stoughton, Mass. She died Jan. 13, 1925 at Stoughton.

### PRESS OBITUARY

*State House Dean of Reporters Dead. Arthur M. Bridgman Dies in Sleep.*

Winchester, July 18, 1925—Arthur Milnor Bridgman of Stoughton, dean of the legislative reporters, died in his sleep here last night at the home of his siter, Miss Annie S. Bridgman. A brother, Raymond L. Bridgman of Newton, also a well-known State House newspaperman, died on February 20, of this year.

Arthur M. Bridgman was born in Amherst Jan. 2, 1851, and was graduated from Amherst in 1873. He was connected with newspaper work in his college days, as correspondent for the Springfield Republican. On Nov. 12, 1879, he was married to Miriam Gay of Stoughton.

After graduation he was legislative reporter for the Springfield Union, and held a similar position for the Springfield Republican from 1875 to 1877. He successively owned the Valley Index at Waterbury, Conn., and the Gazette of Haverhill, Mass. In 1880 he founded the Evening Telephone and was one of the first to send news by telephone. In December, 1882, he was publishing four papers. Shortly afterward he sold these publications and purchased the Brockton Daily and Weekly Gazette.

Mr. Bridgman was reporter at the State House for several papers after 1874. From 1879 to 1891 he covered the State House for the Herald. In 1897 he published "Brief Outline Sketches" of the members-elect of the Legislature, which he continued up to his death. He also founded, by authority of the Legislature, the "Legislative Bulletin," a semi-weekly record of Legislative activity and the "Daily List," a daily bulletin of legislative hearings.

Mr. Bridgman had five sisters: Mrs. Charles M. Lamson of San Bernardino, Calif., Mrs. H. W. Boyd of Wareham, Gertrude L. and Clara A. Bridgman of Stoughton and Annie Bridgman of Winchester; a nephew Percy Williams Bridgman, is professor of physics at Harvard.

Mr. Bridgman was a member of Phi Kappa (Amherst), Stoughton Grange, Chemung Lodge Knights of Pythias (past chancellors). He was a Republican, and attended the Congregational Church.

CHILDREN, NONE REPORTED

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**A1-135** MARY BRIDGMAN (BOYD) 8, Mary Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Mary Lyon Bridgman was the sixth child of Richard Baxter Bridgman and wife Mary (Nutting) Bridgman. Born Aug. 15, 1865 at St. Amherst, Mass. Married Rev. Herbert Wendell Boyd, June 30, 1892 at South Amherst, Mass., in old white church built by her grandfather (George Nutting). Rev. Boyd was pastor of the church from 1888 to 1894. Since leaving old South Amherst he has been pastor of Congregational Churches in Hartford, Vermont, Ashby, Mass., Forest Grove, Oregon, Bridgewater, Mass., and Wareham, Mass.

Rev. and Mrs. Boyd are now living in Wareham, Mass., and to her we are indebted for most of the information concerning the Mary (Nutting) Bridgman branch of descendants.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- A1-155 i Helena, b. Nov. 10, 1893, So. Amherst; d. July 19, 1894.  
 A1-156 ii Paul Bridgman, b. June 20, 1895, Hartford, Vt.; d. April 7, 1917.  
 A1-157 iii Lawrence Herbert, b. June 22, 1898, Ashby, Mass.

## A1-6

### Maria Nutting (Phillips) Branch

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

**A1-6 MARIA NUTTING (PHILLIPS)** 7, George 6, John 5. Maria Nutting was the sixth child of George Nutting and wife Judith (Hastings) Nutting. Born June 30, 1822 at South Amherst, Mass.; d. Nov. 5, 1913, age. 91. Married Augustine W. Phillips of West Hawley and Buckland, Mass., son of Elijah Phillips, March 12, 1851 at Amherst, Mass. He was born March 22, 1823, and died May 27, 1899, at Amherst, age 76.

They lived at various places during their married life as follows: Buckland, Amherst, Northampton, Buckland, and Amherst.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

- A1-158 i Rosina, M., b. Dec. 20, 1851, Buckland, Mass.; m. Edwin Dwight Davis.  
 A1-159 ii Mary E., b. June 27, 1853, Amherst, Mass.; m. Elijah Shaw, Jr.  
 A1-160 iii Fannie S., b. Feb. 9, 1854, Northampton, Mass.; d. Aug. 1856.  
 A1-161 iv Stanley A., b. May 15, 1857, Northampton; d. Jan. 30, 1918; m. twice.  
 A1-162 v Harriet Whipple, b. April 4, 1859, Buckland, Mass.; m. Frederick Dwight Kellogg.  
 A1-163 vi Grace H., b. March 14, 1863, Buckland, Mass.; m. Edward N. Huntress.

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**A1-158 ROSINA PHILLIPS (DAVIS)** 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Rosina M. Phillips was the eldest child of Augustine W. Phillips and wife Maria (Nutting) Phillips. Born Dec. 20, 1851, at Buckland, Mass. Married Edwin Dwight Davis of Buckland, Mass., Aug. 28, 1872 at Amherst, Mass. He died in Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 3, 1907, age 34.

Mrs. Davis is now a widow and living at Gendale, California. Her married life was spent in Holyoke, Northampton, New York State, Illinois, Indiana and Atlanta, Ga.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- A1-164 i Edwin Raymond, b. July 5, 1873, Amherst Mass.; m. Donna Allen.

- A1-165 ii Howard Ellsworth, b. Feb. 8, 1876, Mt. Tom, Mass.; d. July 11, 1902, Atlanta, Ga., unm.  
 A1-166 iii Rose Standish, b. Oct. 29, 1878, Mt. Tom, Mass.; unm.  
 A1-167 iv Eva Osgood Davis, b. Feb. 26, 1889, Charlestown, Ill.; d. Sept. 7, 1918; m. Clifford L. Sorrows.

**A1-164** EDWIN DAVIS 9, Rosina Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Edwin Raymond Davis was the eldest child of Edwin Dwight Davis and wife Rosina (Phillips) Davis. Born July 5, 1873 at Amherst, Mass. Married Dona Allen of Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 23, 1895. She died April 7, 1903.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION  
*Born in Atlanta, Georgia*

- A1-168 i Edwin Calhoun, b. July 23, 1896.  
 A1-169 ii Robert Howard, b. Jan. 7, 1899; m. ———.  
 A1-170 iii Herbert Chester, b. June 29, 1901; d. Feb. 1, 1902.

**A1-167** EVA DAVIS (SORROWS) 9, Rosina Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Eva Osgood Davis was the fourth child of Edwin Dwight Davis and wife Rosina (Phillips) Davis. Born Feb. 26, 1889 at Charlestown, Ill.; d. Sept. 7, 1919 at San Diego, Calif. Married Clifford L. Sorrows, Dec. 24, —, San iDego, Calif.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

A1-171-Edwin Dwight, b. Aug. 30, 1918, San Diego, Calif.

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**A1-159** MARY PHILLIPS (SHAW) 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Mary Ellis Phillips was the second child of Augustine W. Phillips and Maria (Nutting) Phillips. Born June 27, 1853 at Amherst, Mass. Married Elijah Shaw, Jr., of Hawley, Mass., where they lived their family life.

Her married life was spent in Hawley and Shelburne Falls, Mass., with many trips to Panama Canal visiting her son Harry, who was in Government employ; to Atlanta, Georgia, South Dakota, Kansas, Illinois, where there resided various relatives, and to Cornell University where her son Richard was graduated. Also in 1923 she crossed the continent to California where she spent several months with relatives and members of her own family also living in California at the time, most of the time being passed with and in the home of her elder sister, Mrs. Rosina M. Davis and family.

Under date of Dec. 27, 1925 she writes from Shelburne Falls:

Mr. Walter M. Nutting

Dear Sir:

Your letter to me was received some days ago. The sheets to be filled out came only yesterday. I have hastened the work of filling out and will return them to you right away, and am very glad to do this and help along a little in this work. For it looks to me like such a task. But how valuable it will be to us all when done. Thank you for the picture of the old house. I am so sorry it is being used for a hen house. I would have



liked to have seen it kept in repair and used for a home. Years ago there was an old house that stood just north of this one, and I was born there. I have heard my daughter, Mrs. King, of South Amherst speak of you. Perhaps if you ever come east again I may have the pleasure of meeting you.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Hawley, Mass.*

- A1-172 i William Eugene, b. Nov. 30, 1871; m. Minnie L. Thayer.
- A1-173 ii Hallie, b. Dec. 5, 1873; d. Jan. 29, 1874.
- A1-174 iii Grace Frances, b. Dec. 25, 1874; m. Charles J. King.
- A1-175 iv Arthur Hamilton, b. April 24, 1877; m. Sarah W. Belanger.
- A1-176 v Martha Lamson, b. April 8, 1879; m. Galen W. Johnson.
- A1-177 vi Ernest Welling, b. April 21, 1881; d. May 13, 1906; unm.
- A1-178 vii Charles Elijah, b. Aug. 2, 1882; m. Ida P. Stroheker.
- A1-179 viii Mary Maria, b. Feb. 11, 1885; m. Dr. Edwin Oliver Clapp.
- A1-180 ix Fannie Smith, b. June 2, 1887; m. Harry W. Kendirck.
- A1-181 x Richard Nutting, b. Aug. 17, 1889; m. Elsie Howard.
- A1-182 xi Harry Phillips, b. April 3, 1892; m. Mary Eliza Hilliard.
- A1-183 xii Louise Mirriam, b. March 13, 1894; m. Clifford B. Cronan.

**A1-172 WILLIAM SHAW** 9, Mary Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. William Eugene Shaw was the eldest child of Elijah Shaw and wife Mary (Phillips) Shaw. Born Nov. 30, 1871 at Hawley, Mass. Married Minnie L. Thayer of Buckland, Mass.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

**A1-174 GRACE SHAW (KING)** 9, Mary Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Grace Frances Shaw was the third child of Elijah Shaw, Jr., and wife Mary (Phillips) Shaw. Born Dec. 25, 1874 at Amherst, Mass. Married Charles J. King of South Amherst, Mass. He and Mrs. King keep the village store, and they are shown in the picture elsewhere.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-184 i Kathleen Grace, b. July 25, 1907, Shelburne Falls, Mass.
- A1-185 ii Donald Jerome, b. Nov. 6, 1909, Shelburne Falls, Mass.
- A1-186 iii Francese Grace, b. Jan. 8, 1912, So. Amherst, Mass.
- A1-187 iv Sherwin Davis, b. Dec. 15, 1915, Springfield, Mass.

**A1-175 ARTHUR SHAW** 9, Mary Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Arthur Hamilton Shaw was the fourth child of Elijah Shaw, Jr., and wife Mary (Phillips) Shaw. Born April 24, 1877 at Hawley, Mass.; d. Feb. 17, 1919, age 41. Married Sarah Belanger of Shelburne Falls, Mass.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

**A1-176 MARTHA SHAW (JOHNSON)** 9, Mary Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Martha Lamson Shaw was the fifth child of Elijah Shaw, Jr., and Mary (Phillips) Shaw. Born April 8, 1879 at Hawley, Mass. Married Galen Wayne Johnson of Buckland, Mass.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Buckland, Mass.*

- A1-188 i Lila Esther, b. July 22, 1905.  
 A1-189 ii Leona Ireen, b. June 22, 1909.  
 A1-190 iii Edwin, b. Feb. 6, 1914; d. Feb. 9, 1914.

**A1-178 CHARLES SHAW** 9, Mary Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Charles Elijah was the seventh child of Elijah Shaw, Jr., and wife Mary (Phillips) Shaw. Born Aug. 2, 1882 at Hawley, Mass. Married Ida Pauline Stroheker of Buckland, Mass.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-191 Robert Ellis, b. April 1, 1919, Hartland, Conn.

**A1-179 MARY SHAW (CLAPP)** 9, Mary Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Mary Maria Shaw was the eighth child of Elijah Shaw, Jr., and wife Mary (Phillips) Shaw. Born Feb. 11, 1885 at Hawley, Mass. Married Dr. Edwin Oliver Clapp of Springfield, Mass.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-192 i Carolyn Shaw, b. March 25, 1916, West Springfield, Mass.  
 A1-193 ii Mary Jeanne, b. Dec. 20, 1918, Shelburne Falls, Mass.

**A1-180 FANNIE SHAW (KENDRICK)** 9, Mary Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Fannie Smith Shaw was the ninth child of Elijah Shaw, Jr., and wife Mary (Phillips) Shaw. Born June 2, 1887 at Hawley, Mass. Married Harry Weston Kendrick of Shelburne Falls, Mass.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Shelburne Falls, Mass.*

- A1-194 i Erving Shaw, b. June 20, 1917.  
 A1-195 ii Ruth Huntress, b. Sept. 20, 1920.

**A1-181 RICHARD SHAW** 9, Mary Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Richard Nutting Shaw was the tenth child of Elijah Shaw and wife Mary (Phillips) Shaw. Born Aug. 17, 1889 at Hawley, Mass. Married Elsie Howard of North Amherst, Mass.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Springfield, Mass.*

- A1-196 i Alberta Howard, b. Dec. 24, 1909.  
 A1-197 ii Sylvia Adaire, b. July 10, 1923.  
 A1-198 iii Beverly, b. Dec. 13, 1925.

**A1-182 HARRY SHAW** 9, Mary Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Harry Phillips Shaw was the eleventh child of Elijah Shaw, Jr., and Mary (Phillips) Shaw. Born April 3, 1892 at Hawley, Mass. Married Mary Eliza Hilliard of Claremont, N. H.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-199 i Virginia Phillips, b. May 6, 1921, Shelburne Falls, Mass.  
 A1-200 ii Lincoln Hilliard, b. May 31, 1925, Northampton, Mass.

**A1-183 LOUISE SHAW (CRONAN)** 9, Mary Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Louise Merriam Shaw was the twelfth child of

Elijah Shaw, Jr., and wife Mary (Phillips) Shaw. Born March 13, 1894 at Hawley, Mass. Married Clifford Broderick Cronan of Shelburne Falls, Mass.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-201 i Calvin Shaw, b. July 12, 1917, Hartford, Conn.  
 A1-202 ii Mariam Phillips, b. Feb. 19, 1921, Hartford, Conn.  
 A1-203 iii Whitney Clifford, b. Oct. 9, 1925, Shelburne Falls, Mass.

**A1-161 STANLEY PHILLIPS** 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Stanley Augustine Phillips was the fourth child of Augustine W. Phillips and Maria (Nutting) Phillips. Born May 15, 1857 at Northampton, Mass.; d. Jan 29, 1918, age 60. Married first Martha Lamson of West Hadley, Mass. Married second Imogene Hinckley of Brockton, Mass. They lived in Amherst.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Amherst, Mass., First Marriage*

- A1-204 i Robert Stanley, b. Feb. 10, 1881; m. Louise Steele.  
 A1-205 ii Fannie Barton, b. May 28, 1882; unm.  
 A1-206 iii Helen Lamson, b. May 7, 1884; unm.  
 A1-207 iv Maria Elizabeth, b. Nov. 15, 1886; d. April 16, 1925; m. John R. Parker.

**A1-204 ROBERT PHILLIPS** 9, Stanley Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Robert Stanley Phillips was the eldest child of Stanley A. Phillips and wife Martha (Lamson) Phillips. Born Feb. 10, 1881 at Amherst, Mass. Married Louise Steele of Illinois.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-208 Robert Steele, b. Jan. 1, 1910.

**A1-207 MARIA PHILLIPS (PARKER)** 9, Stanley Phillips 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Maria Elizabeth Phillips was the fourth child of Stanley A. Phillips and wife Martha (Lamson) Phillips. Born Nov. 15, 1886, at Amherst, Mass.; d. April 16, 1925. Married John Robert Parker of Connecticut.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- A1-209 i John Phillips, b. Oct. 8, 1912.  
 A1-210 ii Elizabeth, b. June 21, 1915.

**A1-162 HARRIET PHILLIPS (KELLOGG)** 8, Maria Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Harriet Whipple Phillips was the fifth child of Augustine W. Phillips and wife Maria (Nutting) Phillips. Born April 4, 1859 at Buckland, Mass. Married Frederick Dwight Kellogg of Hadley, Mass., Sept. 14, 1880. He died Nov. 19, 1919. The year following her marriage was spent in St. Paul, Minn. She is now living in Amherst, Mass., where most of her married life was spent.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- A1-211 i Phillip Frederick, b. Nov. 20, 1882, Hadley, Mass.; d. April 16, 1900.



- A1-212 ii Neil Hastings, b. Feb. 25, 1885, Hadley, Mass.; m. Grace M. Thayer.  
 A1-213 iii Ralph Stillman, b. Aug. 24, 1890, Amherst, Mass.; d. Sept. 27, 1890.  
 A1-214 iv Ruth Sybil, b. Aug. 24, 1890, Amherst, Mass.; m. Steven Puffer.

Under date of Nov. 19, 1925 she writes:

Walter M. Nutting, Faribault, Minn.,

Dear Sir:—

"I trust you will excuse the delay in replying to your kind letter and in filling out the blanks. I was out of town when they arrived, and found them on my return home a few days ago. I hope I have given you the dates you wished, and if at any time I can give you any information in your work I would be very glad to do so, for I am greatly interested in the line of descendants of Geo. Nutting. Thank you very much for the picture of mother's old home in South Amherst."

**A1-212 NIEL KELLOGG** 9, Harriet Phillips 8, Maria Nutting (Phillips 7, George 6, John 5. Neil Hastings Kellogg was the second child of Frederick D. Kellogg and wife Harriet (Phillips) Kellogg. Born Feb. 25, 1885 at Hadley, Mass. Married Grace M. Thayer of Amherst, Mass.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

A1-215 Winthrop, b. July 22, 1905, Amherst, Mass.

**A1-214 RUTH KELLOGG (PUFFER)** 9, Harriet Phillips 8, Maria Nutting (Phillips) 7, George 6, John 5. Ruth Sybil Kellogg was a twin and the fourth child of Frederick D. Kellogg and wife Harriet (Phillips) Kellogg. Born Aug. 24, 1890 at Amherst, Mass. Married Steven Perry Puffer of Amherst, Mass.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Amherst, Mass.*

- A1-216 i Steven Perry Puffer, b. Oct. 24, 1914.  
 A1-217 ii Edward Kellogg, b. Aug. 5, 1918.  
 A1-218 iii Harriet Phillips, b. Nov. 1, 1922.

**A1-163 GRACE PHILLIPS (HUNTRESS)** 8, Maria Nutting (Phillips) 7, George 6, John 5. Grace H. Phillips was the sixth child of Augustine W. Phillips and wife Maria (Nutting) Phillips. Born March 14, 1863 at Buckland, Mass. Married Edward N. Huntress of Amherst, Mass. on March 14, 1893. He has been General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for 32 years. They have made their home in Pittsfield since 1903.

To Mrs. Huntress we are indebted for a good share of the information concerning her mother's line of descendants.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

## A1-7

**Hannah Nutting (Whipple) Branch**

## BEGINNING SEVENTH GENERATION

**A1-7 HANNAH NUTTING (WHIPPLE)** 7, George 6, John 5. Hannah Nutting was the seventh child of George Nutting and wife Judith (Hastings) Nutting. Born Aug. 22, 1824 at South Amherst, Mass.; d. March 27, 1915. Age 90. Married George Alonzo Whipple, May 6, 1847 at So. Amherst. He was born May 21, 1826 at Greenwich, Mass., and died March 20, 1893 at Amherst, Mass., age 66.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born at South Amherst, Mass.*

- A1-219 i Abbie Howard, b. Feb. 10, 1849; m. George Henry.
- A1-220 ii John Farewell, b. Oct. 18, 1851; d. Dec. 3, 1856.
- A1-221 iii Mary Emeline, b. July 12, 1853; d. April 15, 1881; m. Wm. Somers.
- A1-222 iv Julia Kendall, b. Dec. 14, 1857; d. March 21, 1892 in New Orleans, La. Buried in Amherst, Mass.
- A1-223 v George Amiel, b. Aug. 20, 1861, Amherst, Mass.; m. Dorothy Smith.

*Copy of newspaper article furnished by Mrs. Abbie Whipple Henry concerning the death of her mother Mrs. Hannah Nutting (Whipple).*

## MRS. HANNAH H. WHIPPLE

Newspaper item from Amherst Paper, 1912

*Loaned by Mrs. Emily Thayer*

MRS. HANNAH H. WHIPPLE received congratulations Thursday and entertained friends at tea in her home on Pleasant street on her 88th birthday. She was born in South Amherst, daughter of George Nutting. Her father was a captain in the state militia, a member for two terms of the legislature and the contractor who built the South Congregational church. She is a descendant of John Nutting, who was killed in 1676 in Groton by the Indians and of Dr. Ebenezer Nutting, the learned blacksmith of Cambridge, and granddaughter of John Nutting of South Amherst, a Revolutionary soldier who fought at Ticonderoga. She married George A. Whipple, son of Daniel and Deborah Whipple of Greenwich, May 6, 1847. Rev. A. B. Smith officiating. Her husband was a merchant in Boston. He died in March, 1893. She has two children, George A. Whipple of New York and Mrs. George L. Henry with whom she makes her home. She is a member of the First Congregational church. Her oldest sister, Mrs. Maria Nutting Phillips, celebrated her 90th birthday, June 30, at her home, South Pleasant street. Her other sister Mrs. George O. Hannum, aged 81, lives in Boston.

## MRS. H. H. WHIPPLE

March 27, 1915

*(Written by Mr. Walker)*

Amherst Woman, in 91st Year, Dies in Her Home

AMHERST, March 27—Mrs. Hannah Nutting Whipple, 90 years old, one of the oldest residents here, died today in her home in Pleasant Street. She was one of seven Nutting sisters, all of whom were born and married in the same room of a farmhouse still standing in East Street, South Amherst. She was a lineal descendant of John Nutting, who was killed in Groton by the Indians in 1676, and of Dr. Ebenezer Nutting, Cambridge. Her grandfather, John Nutting, a soldier of the Revolution, fought at Ticonderoga. Mrs. Whipple was the daughter of George and Judith Hastings Nutting. Her father served in the State militia and in the Legislature and as a contractor superintended the building of the South Amherst Church. Her husband, George A. Whipple, Boston, to whom she was married May 6, 1847, died here in 1893.

Mrs. Whipple was a member of First Church and an honorary member of Mary Mattoon Chapter, D. A. R. She celebrated her 90th birthday Aug. 23 last year at a reception given in her honor by her daughter, Mrs. George L. Henry, at which many friends and relatives were present. In spite of her advanced age, Mrs. Whipple was able to receive guests and conversed with great pleasure concerning events which took place many years ago. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. G. L. Henry, Amherst; a son, George A. Whipple, New York; a sister, Mrs. George O. Hannum, Boston; five grandchildren, Mrs. Gertrude Mead, Berkeley, Cal.; John P. Henry, Amherst, '10; Ruth Henry, Amherst; Dorothy Whipple and Jack Whipple, New York, and three great-grandchildren.

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**A1-219 ABBIE WHIPPLE (HENRY)** 8, Hannah Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Abbie Howard Whipple was the eldest child of George Alonzo Whipple and wife Hannah (Nutting) Whipple. Born Feb. 10, 1849 at So. Amherst, Mass. Married George L. Henry of Amherst, Mass. He died Jan. 21, 1922. She and her husband always lived in Amherst and to her we are indebted for much of the information concerning her mother's family, as well as other material of general interest to our kinsfolks.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Amherst, Mass.*

A1-224 i Gertrude, b. July 1, 1878; m. Edwin B. Mead.

A1-225 ii Park Whipple, b. July 11, 1880; d. March 5, 1894.

A1-226 iii Ruth Whipple, b. May 3, 1886; unm.

A1-227 iv John Park, b. Dec. 28, 1888; m. Dorothy Perry.

Under date of May 22, 1925 she writes:—

"Mr. Nutting

Dear Sir:

Your blanks were received, also the letter. I will gladly fill out the branch of 'Hannah Hastings Nutting' (my mother). I wish she could do it



herself, for she was greatly interested in collecting all records of her family. I have a fine picture of the George Nutting house in South Amherst, also the "Seven Nutting Sisters" arranged by my mother. (I have poor photos of Eli and John, but they were not arranged with the girls). The mother's picture ("Aunt Judie" as they often called grandmother) is arranged with the seven girls. I will send them to you if you would like them.

"The Nutting house is still standing but has been used as a hen house of late. Am glad my mother did not live to see it thus used. My husband was Geo. L. Henry. He died three years ago last Jan 21, 1922. You may have met him in So. Amherst as he often spoke of the picture referred to.

"Mrs. Boyd lives in Wareham, Mass. Miss Anna Nutting (Eli's daughter) is in San Gabriel, California, R. F. D. 1, Box 339. She would tell you of her family line. Miss Julia Ferry of Kent, Ohio, is the last of Judith's family. Mrs. E. Huntress is the Maria Nutting line at 1428 North St., Pittsfield, Mass., also Mrs. Julia K. Hibbard (Julia Kendall) is at 150 Warrenton Ave., Hartford, Conn."

Under date of Feb. 20, 1926, she writes:

"I'm sending you under separate cover the records my mother copied years ago. I remember that Porter Nutting came here to see mother and talk over relationships and he loaned her these papers which she copied. They are all in her handwriting and I feel fond of them, but am willing you should peruse them, and if you can tell who was the father of John you will do better than I can."

**A1-224** GERTRUDE HENRY (MEAD) 9, Abbie Whipple 8, Hannah Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Gertrude Henry was the eldest child of Geo. L. Henry and wife Abbie (Whipple) Henry. Born July 1, 1878 at Amherst, Mass. Married Edwin Bradley Mead of Berkeley, California.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

A1-228 i Eleanor, b. Nov. 30, 1902, Boston, Mass., unm.

A1-229 ii Ruth, b. June 28, 1907, Berkeley, Cal.; unm.

**A1-227** JOHN HENRY 9, Abbie Whipple 8, Hannah Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. John Park Henry was the fourth child of Geo. L. Henry and wife Abbie (Whipple) Henry. Born Dec. 28, 1888 at Amherst, Mass. Married Dorothy Lawrence Perry of New York City.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

A1-230 Catherine Henry, b. Aug. 13, 1917, Washington, D. C.

**A1-221** MARY WHIPPLE 8, Hannah Nutting (Whipple) 7, George 6, John 5. Mary Emeline Whipple was the third child of Geo. A. Whipple and wife Hannah (Nutting) Whipple. Born July 12, 1853 at South Amherst, Mass.; d. April 15, 1881 at Indianapolis, Ind. Buried at "Forest Hills" Boston, Mass., age 27. Married Wm. Somers of Boston. He died in Whitefield, N. H., Feb. 19, 1905.

CHILDREN, NONE

**A1-223** GEORGE WHIPPLE 8, Hannah Nutting (Whipple) 7, George 6, John 5. George Amiel Whipple was the fifth child of Geo. A. Whipple and wife Hannah (Nutting) Whipple. Born Aug. 20, 1861 at Amherst, Mass. Married Dorothy Smith of Brooklyn, N. Y., April 10, 1894. She was born Feb. 8, 1870.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

A1-231 i Jack Van Horn, b. Oct. 9, 1896, Brooklyn, m. Josephine Marie Kinpe.

A1-232 ii Dorothy, b. Nov. 22, 1900, Toledo, Ohio; m. Evan Clauque.

**A1-231** JACK WHIPPLE 9, George Whipple 8, Hannah Nutting 7, George 6, John 5. Jack Van Horn Whipple was the eldest child of Geo. A. Whipple and wife Dorothy (Smith) Whipple. Born Oct. 9, 1896 at Brooklyn. Married Josephine Marie Kinpe of New York City, Sept. 10, 1924. Now living in Leonia, N. J.

**A1-232** DOROTHY WHIPPLE 9, George Whipple 8, Hannah Nutting (Whipple) 7, George 6. John 5. Dorothy Whipple was the second child of Geo. A. Whipple and wife Dorothy (Smith) Whipple. Born Nov. 22, 1900 at Toledo, Ohio. Married Evan Clauque of Madison, Wis., June 8, 1924, in Milwaukee, Wis. Now living in Madison, Wis.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

### A1-8

**A1-8** HARRIET NUTTING (SMITH) 7, George 6, John 5. Harriet Eliza Nutting was the eighth child of George Nutting and wife Judith (Hastings) Nutting. Born Dec. 3, 1826 at South Amherst, Mass.; d. May 22, 1886 at Rocky Hill, Conn., age 59. Married Rev. Asa B. Smith, son of Asa Smith, Sr., June 25, 1856. He was born July 16, 1809 at Williamstown, Vt., and died Feb. 10, 1886 at Sherwood, Tenn., age 76. He was one time pastor at Rocky Hill, Conn.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

### A1-9

**A1-9** NANCY NUTTING (HANNUM) 7, George 6, John 5. Nancy Amelia Nutting was the ninth child of George Nutting and wife Judith (Hastings) Nutting. Born Dec. 21, 1830 at South Amherst, Mass.; d. Sept. 22, 1919, age 88. Married George O. Hannum of South Amherst, Mass., son of Oliver Hannum, May 6, 1856. He was born in Belchertown, Mass., Feb. 22, 1833 and died Jan. 1920 at Roxbury in Boston, Mass., age 86.

They lived at South Amherst many years and later moved to Roxbury, Mass. where they died.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

## WRITTEN FOR THE GOLDEN WEDDING

OF

MR. &amp; MRS. GEO. O. HANNUM

1856—May 6th—1906

When George asked young Amelia  
 If he with her might wed  
 It was the month of Maying  
 And so—"You May," she said.  
 The sun-kissed earth was smiling  
 With bud and leaflet gay,  
 The spring was in their faces  
 And in their hearts the May.

Theirs was no stately marriage  
 Before some altar high.  
 With swell of nuptial music  
 And solemn liturgy.  
 But Spring brought forth her blossoms  
 Their humble shrine to trim  
 And vested choirs of robins  
 To sing their wedding hymn

Since then th' unresting index  
 On Time's great dial hung  
 'Round fifty yearly circles  
 Its punctual course has swung,  
 And still in love united  
 These twain together stay  
 November in their faces  
 But in their hearts the May.

What have the seasons brought them  
 To bless this golden year?  
 Good name—but not great riches—  
 Content and peace and cheer;  
 A harvest of affection  
 A perfecting of love,  
 A joy in earthly blessings,  
 A faith in those above.

The golden sun is sinking,  
 The shadows longer lie,  
 But harmonies of glory  
 Make glad the Western sky,  
 And as the twilight angels  
 Their dusky pinions fold  
 Lo all the heavenly arches  
 Are hung with stars of gold.



May golden recollections  
 This day your souls delight  
 And golden hopes before you  
 Make all your pathway bright!  
 Loved by your God and neighbor  
 Pass on your happy way,  
 And though you face the Winter  
 Keep in your hearts the May!

EDWARD A. CHURCH.

Copied Nov. 26, 1926 from small printed folder loaned W. M. Nutting by Mrs. Julia S. K. Hibbard of Hartford, Conn.

### THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

(Written for this Golden Wedding)

From out the dim and great Unknown  
 By God's creative power they came;  
 Two separate souls till fused as one  
 By Love's divine and heavenly flame.

For fifty years it brightly burned  
 With fading not nor growing rim;  
 But, ever brightening, typified  
 The perfect love that dwells in Him.

It brightly shone in darkest night;  
 New light it gave to brightest noon;  
 Of all the gifts the Father sends,  
 Love is the sweetest, dearest boon.

These hearts have felt its light and life,  
 Such as the angels know above;  
 And till they reach that Beulah land,  
 Still may they know that God is Love.

Oh, earthly love! oh, love divine!  
 By human hearts and angels known.  
 Oh, love that maketh Heaven on earth,—  
 The Love that makes us all His own.

ARTHUR MILNOR BRIDGMAN.

April, 1906.

Copied May 7, 1927 from small printed leaflet loaned W. M. Nutting by Mrs. Julia S. K. Hibbard of Hartford, Conn.

## NEWSPAPER CLIPPING

THE death in Boston, Sept. 22, 1919, of Mrs. George O. (Amelia Nutting) will interest many of the older Amherst and Eastern Hampshire residents. Mrs. Hannum was the last survivor of the seven Nutting girls, all born and all married in the same room in a house still standing in South Amherst, children of George (1786-1838) and Judith Hastings (1786-1883) Nutting, both descendants of emigrants from England before 1640.

George Nutting was the eldest son of John Nutting, a Revolutionary soldier who served in Col. Chapin's Massachusetts Regiment in the Ticonderoga campaign of 1779, himself captain of the Amherst company of militia during its service in the War of 1812 and later built the Johnson chapel and North and South dormitories of Amherst College and the South Congregational Church. His death occurred in 1838 and his widow with a family of nine, for there were two sons, Eli and John H., survived him forty-four years.

Mrs. Hannum, prior to her marriage a school teacher on the "Western reserve" in northern Ohio, took up her home after that event on the Hannum farm in North Belchertown, adjoining the birthplace of the late Josiah Gilbert Holland, whence with Mr. Hannum, she removed to Winnebago, Minn., then to Sherwood, Tenn., returning for the later years to South Amherst. Mr. Hannum survives in Boston.

The full list of the Nutting-Hastings family, whose widespread descendants include citizens of nearly all New England and middle west and Northwestern states, is as follows:—

Eli Nutting—Born, Aug. 28, 1811; married Julia Crossett, Oct. 30, 1849; died, Aug. 6, 1894.

Juliana Nutting—Born, Sept. 25, 1813; married Moseley Kendall, Dec. 3, 1835; died Oct. 16, 1892.

Judith Nutting—Born, Sept. 2, 1815; married Aaron Ferry, May 9, 1837; died Feb. 16, 1897.

John Nutting—Born, Feb. 1, 1818; married Harriet Emily Moore, June 2, 1846; died Sept. 25, 1897.

Mary Nutting—Born, March 27, 1820; married Richard B. Bridgman, March 22, 1843; died, Dec. 21, 1891.

Maria Nutting—Born, June 30, 1822; married Augustine H. Phillips, March 12, 1851; died, Nov. 5, 1913.

Hannah Nutting—Born Aug. 22, 1824; married George A. Whipple, May 6, 1847; died, March 27, 1915.

Harriet Nutting—Born, Dec. 3, 1826; married Rev. Asa B. Smith, June 25, 1856; died, May 22, 1886.

Amelia Nutting—Born, Dec. 21, 1830; married George O. Hannum, May 6, 1856; died, Sept. 22, 1919.

## Chapter VI



B1

### *Ebenezer Nutting Line*

14 DESCENDANTS



EBENEZER NUTTING

1803-1886

ELDEST OFFSPRING

*of*

JOHN NUTTING OF SOUTH AMHERST

*AND SECOND WIFE*

CATHERINE (SMITH) NUTTING





## CHAPTER VI

### B1

#### Ebenezer Nutting Line

**B1 EBENEZER NUTTING** 6, John 5. Ebenezer Nutting was the eldest child of John Nutting and second wife Catherine (Smith) Nutting. Born Nov. 17, 1803 at South Amherst, Mass.; died April 30, 1886 at Florence, Mass., age 83. Married Emily Kneeland of Wilberham, Mass. She died Oct. 12, 1892, age 87.

He lived most of his active life in (Nuttingville) South Amherst and with his son Edward P., was engaged in light manufacturing of handles, planes, clothboards, etc., in a shop located on a small mountain stream just off the Old Bay Road. The old Ebenezer Nutting work shop is still standing although long since abandoned, due to the necessity for most of of the people of the community seeking a livelihood elsewhere. (See picture Chapter IV).

In the "HISTORY OF AMHERST," page 295 is recorded the following: "In 1857, Ebenezer Nutting and E. Porter Nutting manufactured planes and other tools at a factory in South Amherst."

Besides being a manufacturer, Ebenezer Nutting was a lay Methodist preacher and he, with Cummings Fish, did exchange work with the regular itinerant ministers at the little Methodist Chapel across the Bay Road from the old John Nutting place. John Hammond in his "Old Home Day" address Aug. 17, 1921 speaks of both as "men of ability and devotion."

He built and occupied the fine specimen of New England house on the south side of the Bay Road. It is still standing in a fine state of preservation and now used by Holyoke Seminary for girls as an outing place (see picture Chapter IV).

The later years of his life were spent with his wife and unmarried son Freeman, in their comfortable little home in Florence, Mass., where he died at the ripe old age of 83. He is buried in the Florence cemetery near his home.

#### CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION

- B1-1 i Edward Porter, b. May 31, 1828, at Greenwich, Mass.; d. ———.  
m. 1st, Laura Clarry; 2nd, Susan Haskins.
- B1-2 ii Clarissa Elizabeth, b. July 10, 1831 at Greenwich, Mass.; d. ———.  
m. Levi Dickinson.
- B1-3 iii Emily Lucinda, b. May 4, 1834 at South Amherst, Mass.; d.  
May 22, 1917; m. Henry Nutting.
- B1-4 iv Freeman Ebenezer, b. June 27, 1837 at South Amherst, Mass.;  
d. March 1, 1913; unm.
- B1-5 v George Wesley, b. June 23, 1840 at South Amherst; d. April  
6, 1845.

## B1-1

**Edward Nutting Branch**

**B1-1** EDWARD PORTER NUTTING 7, Ebenezer 6, John 5. Edward Porter Nutting was the eldest child of Ebenezer Nutting and wife Emily (Kneeland) Nutting. Born May 31, 1828 at Greenwich, Mass.; died (date not known). Married 1st Laura C. Clarry, Aug. 4, 1846 at Guilford, Vt., daughter of Jonathan Clarry of Montague, Mass. She died Aug. 20, 1854. Married 2nd, Susan Haskins of Shutesbury, Mass.

According to the "History of Amherst" he was engaged in the year 1857 with his father in "the manufacture of planes and other tools at a factory in South Amherst."

He later served his country as a soldier in the Civil War. His name appears on a tablet in the Memorial Hall Northampton, Mass. It reads as follows:—

SURVIVORS IN THE ARMY AND NAVY OF THE WAR  
TO PRESERVE THE UNION

EDWARD P. NUTTING, Company G, 27th Regiment Infantry

CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*First Marriage*

B1-6 George, b. ——— So. Amherst; d. middle age; married.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B1-7 i Eugene, b. ———; a sailor.

B1-8 ii Porter, b. ———.

B1-9 iii Mabel, b. ———; d. ———.

## B1-2

**Clarissa Dickinson Branch**

**B1-2** CLARISSA NUTTING (DICKINSON) 7, Ebenezer 6, John 5. Clarissa Elizabeth Nutting (Dickinson) was the second child of Ebenezer Nutting and wife Emily (Kneeland) Nutting. Born July 10, 1831 at Greenwich, Mass.; d. (date not known). Married Oct. 19, 1852 at Belchertown, Mass., Levi E. Dickinson, son of Lucius and Betsy Dickinson.

CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

B1-10 Clara, b. ———; d. ———.



## B1-3

**Emily Nutting Branch**

**B1-3** EMILY NUTTING 7, Ebenezer 6, John 5. Emily Lucinda Nutting was the third child of Ebenezer Nutting and wife Emily (Kneeland) Nutting. Born May 4, 1834 at South Amherst, Mass.; died May 22, 1917 at Faribault, Minn., and buried in the Maple Lawn Cemetery, age 83.

Married her cousin Henry A. Nutting of South Amherst eldest son of Truman and Lucinda (Graves) Nutting, May 1, 1851 by Rev. J. L. Merrick at the South Congregational Church, So. Amherst.

They lived most of their married life in Faribault, Minn. She was a splendid example of kind, gentle, self-sacrificing Christian womanhood; was a devoted member of the Methodist Church of which denomination her father was a Lay preacher.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

B3-33 i Jennie

B3-34 ii Mary

B3-35 iii Fred

B3-36 iv Willis

(For further life and family record, see that of her husband, Henry Nutting (B3-2).

## B1-4

**Freeman Nutting Branch**

**B1-4** FREEMAN NUTTING 7, Ebenezer 6, John 5. Freeman Ebenezer Nutting was the fourth child of Ebenezer and Emily Nutting; born June 27, 1837 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.; died March 1, 1913 at the Soldiers Home, Chelsea, Mass.; unm.

Freeman Nutting was a carpenter and woodworker having employment for a number of years in the Florence Sewing Machine Works where his cousin Elijah Nutting was a fellow worker.

He was a Civil War soldier, serving for three years in the 27th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers. He re-enlisted for three years toward the end of the war. His later years were spent in the Soldiers Home at Chelsea, Mass., where he died.

*Following is his Official War Record—*

"Freeman E. Nutting, Company G from Town of Amherst; mustered in Oct. 19, 1861; Corporal; Wounded; Re-enlisted Dec. 24, 1863; Service terminated June 26, 1865."

(History of Amherst, p. 504—Name in alphabetical List, p. 522).

### Wedding Story

A Wedding Story written in verse by Elijah Nutting on the wedding of his niece, Jennie Nutting (Willard) B3-33, p. 157; on December 25, 1873. The poem came in after the forms were set for this section and is printed as an addendum on page 318.

# Chapter VII



B2

## *Esther Carver Line*

53 DESCENDANTS



ESTHER NUTTING CARVER

SIXTH GENERATION

1805 - 1877

SECOND OFFSPRING

*of*

JOHN NUTTING OF SOUTH AMHERST

*AND SECOND WIFE*

CATHERINE (SMITH) NUTTING





## CHAPTER VII

### B-2

#### **Esther Nutting (Carver) Line**

##### SIXTH GENERATION

**B2** ESTHER NUTTING (CARVER) 6, John 5. Esther Nutting was the second child of John Nutting and second wife Catherine (Smith) Nutting. Born March 7, 1805 at South Amherst, Mass; died Sept. 5, 1877 at Shutesbury, Mass., age 72. She is buried in the old Cemetery a short distance out of the little hamlet toward Amherst.

She married Caleb Carver, Nov. 24, 1829. He was born March 12, 1807 at Shutesbury, Mass., and died there May 8, 1879, age 72. He was a thrifty New England farmer up in the hill country and one of the leading spirits of a once flourishing community. He and his wife were active members of the old White Baptist Church at the village and although still standing, is showing signs of disuse and gradual decay.

##### CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION

###### *Born at Shutesbury, Mass.*

- B2-1 i Preston Nutting, b. Oct. 15, 1830; d. March 31, 1918; m. Elizabeth Jane Smallidge.
- B2-2 ii Climena Esther, b. June 4, 1832; d. June 20, 1904; m. Newell Hoskins.
- B2-3 iii Freeman Calvin, b. April 21, 1834; d. Feb. 16, 1899; m. Almira Louise Thayer.
- B2-4 iv Philena Sabrina, b. April 17, 1836; d. March 15, 1915. She lived with the family of her sister, Ardelia Carver Spear, in Northampton, Massachusetts for fifty years. After her sister's death, she took charge of the home and gave the family the most devoted care.
- B2-5 v George Stillman, b. Oct. 14, 1838; d. March 13, 1900; m. three times.
- B2-6 vi Ardelia Emily, b. Aug. 14, 1841; d. Jan. 5, 1879; m. George Luther Spear.
- B2-7 vii Willard Leonard, b. April 7, 1845; d. Feb. 17, 1900; m. Mary L. Grant.
- B2-8 viii Infant daughter, b. Feb. 2, 1847; d. Feb. 8, 1847.

### B2-1

#### **Preston Carver Branch**

##### *Beginning with*

##### SEVENTH GENERATION

**B2-1** PRESTON CARVER 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Preston Nutting Carver was the eldest child of Caleb Carver and wife Esther (Nutting) Carver. Born Oct. 15, 1830 at Shutesbury, Mass.; died March

31, 1918, at Faribault, Minn., age 87. Married Elizabeth Jane Smallidge, of Shutesbury, Dec. 14, 1849. She was born May 21, 1829; died ———.

In 1855 Mr. Carver with his family moved to Minnesota and settled on a farm about 5 miles east of Faribault. He was one of the leading spirits of the little community which sprang up there called Prairieville.

In later life he retired to a home in Faribault on the east side where he died. He survived his wife by several years.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

- B2-9 i Clarence Eugene, b. June 21, 1852, Shutesbury, Mass.; m. twice.  
 B2-10 ii Leonard Clifton, b. Sept. 30, 1854, Shutesbury, Mass.; m. Addie Clarissa Swartwoudt.  
 B2-11 iii Jennie Elizabeth, b. Oct. 1, 1857, Faribault, Minn.; d. Jan. 29, 1881; m. John Smallidge Bemis.  
 B2-12 iv George Preston, b. May 25, 1859, Faribault, Minn.; m. twice.  
 B2-13 v Julia Augusta, b. March 25, 1862, Faribault, Minn.; m. George Hughes.  
 B2-14 vi Willie Caleb, b. Aug. 31, 1863, Faribault, Minn.; d. March 3, 1864.
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**B2-9 CLARENCE CARVER** 8, Preston Carver 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Clarence Eugene Carver was the eldest child of Preston Nutting Carver and wife Elizabeth (Smallidge) Carver. Born June 21, 1852 at Shutesbury, Mass. Married 1st Mary Ann Chesrown of Monongahela, Pa., July 9, 1877; she died March 5, 1888. Married 2nd Anna Mary Campbell of Berlin, Wis., March 13, 1889.

He came to Minnesota when but a child of 3 years with his parents and was brought up on a farm about 5 miles east of Faribault at the little community called Prairieville.

After becoming of age and leaving the farm, he and his younger brother George, engaged for several years in cattle buying, lumber dealing, etc., in and about Faribault. In later years he has continued living in town and conducts his farming interests at the outskirts of the city.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

**B2-10 LEONARD CARVER** 8, Preston Carver 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Leonard Clifton Carver was the second child of Preston Nutting Carver and wife Elizabeth (Smallidge) Carver. Born Sept. 30, 1854 at Shutesbury, Mass. Married Addie Clarissa Swartwoudt of Exeter, Pa., May 28, 1880.

He came to Minnesota when but a child of one year with his parents and was brought up on his father's farm at Prairieville, east of Faribault. He and his son Archie are now carrying on a prosperous farming business in the Township of Cannon City near Faribault.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- B2-15 Archie Leonard, b. Aug. 30, 1884 at Wells, Minn.; m. Mabel Josephine Ryding.



**B2-15** ARCHIE CARVER 9, Leonard Carver 8, Preston Carver 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Archie Leonard Carver was the only child of Leonard Clifton Carver and wife Addie (Swartwoudt) Carver. Born Aug. 30, 1884 at Wells, Minn. Married Mabel Josephine Ryding of Battle Lake, Minn. He is associated with his father in farming about 5 miles east of Faribault in the Township of Cannon City.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born in Cannon City Township*

B2-16 i Catherine Camilla, b. April 28, 1920.

B2-17 ii Charles Archibald, b. Dec. 11, 1921.

B2-18 iii Leonard Robert, b. July 31, 1924; d. March 3, 1928.

B2-19 iv John Calvin, b. March 11, 1927.

OBITUARY

March 8, 1928

LEONARD ROBERT CARVER

SHORT but beautiful was the life he lived in his earthly home. Only three and a half years he toddled about the home of his grandpa and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Carver, with his sister and brothers. Yet in the providence of God his life was long enough to bear fruit to the glory of God. And then the fullness of time has come to any life on earth.

His little brother, Charles Archibald, perhaps found the best meaning of his untimely ending of Robert's life, when he last Monday unwittingly brought a little book and pointed the pastor to his little poem, which was read at the funeral as Robert's farewell message:

*"Suffer me to come to Jesus  
Mother, dear, forbid me not;  
By His blood from sin He frees us,  
Makes us fair without a spot.*

*Suffer me, my earthly father,  
At His pierced feet to fall;  
Why forbid me? Help me rather;  
Jesus is my all in all.*

*Suffer me to run unto Him  
Gentle sister, come with me.  
Oh, that all I love but knew Him,  
Then my home a heaven would be.*

*Loving playmates, gay and smiling,  
Bid me not forsake the cross;  
Hard to bear is your bewailing,  
Yet for Jesus all is dross.*

*Yes, tho all the world have chid me,  
Father, mother, sister, friend,  
Jesus never will forbid me,  
Jesus loves me to the end.*

*Gentle Shepherd, on thy shoulder  
 Carry me, a sinful lamb,  
 Give me faith and make me bolder,  
 Till with Thee in heaven I am."*

A very large number of friends of the family gathered at the services yesterday afternoon. A sympathizing Christian sent the following beautiful tribute which was also read at the casket, by the pastor:

"The same subject from different points of view:"

LADDIE

(By Elizabeth Burgess Hughes)

*Question:*

*My little laddie lies so still,  
 With folded hands and quiet eyes;  
 The hours go stealing one by one  
 The sunrise flares, the sunset dies  
 And still so quiet-like he lies.*

*My little laddie lies asleep,  
 He does not hear me when I call;  
 He does not hear the robins sing,  
 Nor feel the petaled roses fall;  
 He hears nor answers not at all.*

*My little laddie sleeps so long!  
 His couch a low, green, silent bed  
 Where summer drifts and winter lowers,  
 With birds and clouds and winds o'erhead,  
 Or snow, or clustering roses red.*

*Oh, little laddie, still and cold!  
 Your sheeny hair and eyes like May,  
 Your tripping feet upon the stair,  
 Your busy hands always at play—  
 Where have they gone since yesterday?*

*The answer:*

LADDIE

(By William Rufus Dodd)

*Ah little laddie! In His Word  
 God does the mystery explain;  
 Whence went the little life we love  
 When ceased the fever and the pain;  
 Could it return to dust again?*

*The little laddie liveth still!  
 He left the tenement of clay  
 To be with Christ, the risen Lord,  
 Until the resurrection day.  
 You laid his house, not him away!*

*Your little laddie God will bring,  
When Jesus comes to raise His dead,  
To live again within that clay  
You saw laid in its silent bed;  
"Made life Christ's own," as God hath said.*

*Yes!—little laddie you shall see  
If you with Christ will enter in,  
Believe His Word, accept His Grace,  
And trust His blood that saves from sin.  
Your child is safe! Will you meet him?"*

Little Robert was baptized on his sick bed a week ago. The funeral services were conducted at the home; Mrs. Bjorlie and the pastor sang both at the home and at Maple Lawn cemetery, where his remains are laid away.—B.

**B2-11 JENNIE CARVER (BEMIS)** 8, Preston Carver 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Jennie Elizabeth Carver was the third child of Preston Carver and wife Elizabeth (Smallidge) Carver. Born Oct. 1, 1857 at East Prairie, Faribault, Minn.; died Jan 29, 1881. Married John S. Bemis of Faribault.

Mr. Bemis was engaged in the Government Post Office for a number of years in Faribault later moving to Florida where his death occurred recently.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

**B2-20 Archie Foster Bemis**, b. Feb. 18, 1880, Faribault, Minn.; d. July 31, 1880.

**B2-12 GEORGE CARVER** 8, Preston Carver 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. George Preston Carver was the fourth child of Preston Nutting Carver and wife Elizabeth (Smallidge) Carver. Born May 25, 1859 at Prairieville, Faribault, Minn. Married first, Ella May Mullin of Prairieville, June 12, 1888 who died Sept. 29, 1893; married second, Susan Alzina Jackson of Faribault, Minn. June 24, 1896.

He lived at Prairieville until after the death of his first wife. Since that time he and his second family have lived in Faribault. He was associated with his older brother Clarence for some years in farming, stock buying, lumber dealing, etc., in and about Faribault.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

##### *First Marriage*

**B2-21 i Harold Preston**, b. May 24, 1889, Prairieville, Minn.; d. Jan. 19, 1890.

##### *Second Marriage, Born in Faribault, Minn.*

**B2-22 i Eugene Preston**, b. April 13, 1897; m. Ida Laone Dawson.

**B2-23 ii Edward**, b. March 19, 1899; d. July 19, 1899.

**B2-24 iii Maurice Keyes**, b. June 7, 1900.



B2-25 iv Jennie Elizabeth, b. May 4, 1902; unm.

B2-26 v Alice Evelyn, b. Jan. 30, 1905; d. Sept. 26, 1907.

B2-27 vi Annabel Mary, b. March 20, 1908; student.

**B2-22 EUGENE CARVER** 9, George Carver 8, Preston Carver 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Eugene Preston Carver was the eldest child of George Preston Carver and his second wife Susan (Jackson) Carver. Born at Faribault, Minn., April 13, 1897; married Ida Laone Dawson of Jacksonville, Ill. They live in Faribault and he is an automobile salesman.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

B2-28 Carolyn Laone, b. Nov. 19, 1923, Faribault, Minn.

**B2-13 JULIA CARVER (HUGHES)** 8, Preston Carver 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Julia Augusta Carver was the fifth child of Preston Nutting Carver and wife Elizabeth (Smallidge) Carver. Born March 25, 1862 at East Prairieville, Faribault, Minn. Married George W. Hughes, Jan. 1, 1884 of the Township of Walcott, Minn. They live on a farm a few miles southeast of Faribault.

CHILDREN, NONE

## B2-2

### *Climena Hoskins Branch*

SEVENTH GENERATION

**B2-2 CLIMENA CARVER (HOSKINS)** 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Climena Esther Carver was the second child of Caleb Carver and wife Esther (Nutting) Carver. Born June 4, 1832 at Shutesbury, Mass.; died June 20, 1904, age 72. Married Newell Hoskins of Bloomfield, Conn., June 4, 1856.

CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born at Bloomfield, Conn.*

B2-29 i Grace Climena, b. Jan. 6, 1861, single.

B2-30 ii Charles Carver, b. Dec. 17, 1862, single.

## B2-3

### *Freeman Carver Branch*

SEVENTH GENERATION

**B2-3 FREEMAN CARVER** 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Freeman Calvin Carver was the third child of Caleb Carver and wife Esther (Nutting) Carver. Born April 21, 1834 at Shutesbury, Mass.; died Feb. 16, 1899, age 67.

Married first Almira Louise Thayer of Amherst, Mass. in 1857. She died April 5, 1874. Married second Mrs. Mary Ann Daniels of Northampton, Mass., on Feb. 28, 1877. She was the widow of Geo. H. Daniels of Northampton, Mass. Her maiden name was Mary Ann Knapp.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*First Marriage*

- B2-31 i Mary Esther, b. April 15, 1859, Shutesbury, Mass.; unm.  
 B2-32 ii Cora Louise, b. July, 1860, Shutesbury, Mass.; d. April 18, 1862.  
 B2-33 iii Cora Louise, b. Nov. 24, 1863, Shutesbury, Mass.; m. Chester Larimer.  
 B2-34 iv Frank Caleb, b. March 12, 1869, Amherst, Mass.; d. May 11, 1883.  
 B2-35 v John Preston, b. May 24, 1871, Pelham, Mass.; m. Helen Elizabeth Eno.

*Second Marriage*

- B2-36 Richard Freeman, b. March 22, 1878, Northampton, Mass.; m. Emma Freida Beckmann.

**B2-35** JOHN CARVER 8, Freeman Carver 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. John Preston Carver was the fifth child of Freeman Carver and wife Almira Louise (Thayer) Carver. Born May 24, 1871 at Pelham, Mass. Married Helen Elizabeth Eno of Simsbury, Conn. He is a physician and they live in Simsbury, Conn.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- B2-37 i Grace Eno, b. July 14, 1900, New Hartford, Conn.  
 B2-38 ii Esther Nutting, b. July 1, 1904, Simsbury, Conn.  
 B2-38 iii Martha Abigail, b. July 7, 1909, Simsbury, Conn.

**B2-36** RICHARD CARVER 8, Freeman Carver 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Richard Freeman Carver was the only child of Freeman Carver by his second wife Mary Ann (Daniels) Carver. Born March 22, 1878. Married Emma Frieda Beckman of Northampton, Mass., June 19, 1919 where the family resides.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Northampton, Mass.*

- B2-40 i John Frederick, b. May 11, 1920.  
 B2-41 ii Esther Louise, b. July 25, 1922.

**B2-5****George Carver Branch**

## SEVENTH GENERATION

**B2-5** GEORGE CARVER 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. George Stillman Carver was the fifth child of Caleb Carver and wife Esther Nutting) Carver. Born Oct. 14, 1838 at Shutesbury, Mass.; died March 13, 1900 in Georgetown, N. Y., age 61.

Married first Jane Wood of Shutesbury, in 1857; married second \_\_\_\_\_; married third Mary Ella Whitmore of Georgetown, N. Y. on June 4, 1867. She died in 1924. Lived most of his family life in Georgetown, N. Y.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*First Marriage*

- B2-42 Walter H., b. Aug. 29, 1858, at Shutesbury; m. Gertrude Perry of Shutesbury, Oct. 25, 1883.

*Third Marriage*

- B2-43 Grace Belle, b. Jan. 13, 1873 at Georgetown, N. Y.; d. Nov. 6, 1895; m. Lloyd De Ver Upham.
- B2-44 Harold, died at birth, Nov. 1, 1895.

## B2-6

**Ardelia Spear Branch**

## SEVENTH GENERATION

**B2-6 ARDELIA CARVER (SPEAR)** 7, Esther Nutting (Carver 6, John 5. Ardelia Emily Carver was the sixth child of Caleb Carver and wife Esther (Nutting) Carver. Born Aug. 14, 1841 at Shutesbury, Mass.; died Jan. 5, 1879, age 37. Married George Luther Spear of Northampton, Mass., Nov. 20, 1859. He died March 29, 1921.

George Luther Spear spent his boyhood and early manhood in Shutesbury where he married Ardelia Emily Carver, youngest daughter of Caleb and Esther (Nutting) Carver. In 1869, he moved his family to Northampton, Mass., and in 1870 he built a home on Massasoit Street where he spent the remainder of his life.

For several years he was connected with the Florence Sewing Machine Company as a foreman, and later with the Florence Oil Stove Company as a contractor, retiring from active work in 1906.

Mr. Spear fully exemplified the old New England virtues of absolute integrity, devotion to duty, and loyalty to friends. He was a thinker and a deep student of the best in literature. The unmarried daughter, Miss Mabel Spear continues to maintain the old home.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

- B2-45 i Alice Elizabeth, b. Aug. 25, 1862, Shutesbury, Mass.; m. Louis Leonard Campbell.
- B2-46 ii George Ralph Spear, b. Sept. 5, 1864, Shutesbury, Mass.; m. Georgia Marie Cleveland.
- B2-47 iii Arthur Henry Spear, b. Jan. 27, 1867, Shutesbury, Mass.; m. Olive Louise Farrar.
- B2-48 iv Mabel Irene Spear, b. March 31, 1876, Northampton, Mass. She is Secretary to the Public School Board of Northampton and to her we are indebted for most of the information concerning the Esther Nutting Carver line of descendants.

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**B2-45 ALICE SPEAR (CAMPBELL)** 8, Ardelia Carver (Spear) 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Alice Elizabeth Spear was the eldest child of George Luther Spear and wife Ardelia (Carver) Spear born Aug.





ALICE SPEAR (CAMPBELL) *Eighth Generation*





25, 1862 in Shutesbury, Mass. Married Louis Leonard Campbell of Northampton, Mass., Oct. 21, 1889.

The family lives on Massasoit street, Northampton, and Mr. Campbell together with his son, conduct the largest wholesale and retail hardware establishment of the city. He was for many years Postmaster of Northampton, and was recognized by the U. S. Postal Department for his many valuable ideas and suggestions for the more efficient and economical handling of the mails.

Mrs. Campbell is a leader in her sphere of activities and was recently elected to the school board.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Northampton, Mass.*

B2-49 i Ruth Carver, b. May 7, 1899; d. May 12, 1899.

B2-50 ii Bruce Nelson, b. Jan. 25, 1902; single.

**B2-46** GEORGE SPEAR 8, Ardelia Carver (Spear) 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. George Ralph Spear was the second child of George Luther Spear and wife Ardelia (Carver) Spear. Born Sept. 5, 1864 in Shutesbury, Mass. Married Georgia Marie Cleveland of Potsdam, N. Y., June 12, 1900.

The family lives on Elm Street, Northampton, Mass., and Mr. Spear is the dean of the sales force of the Prophylactic Brush Co., of Florence, Mass.; manufacturers of the famous Prophylactic Tooth and Hair Brushes. He is prominent in many civic and fraternal organizations, widely known and respected throughout the East.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B2-51 Elizabeth Cleveland, b. June 25, 1906, at Northampton, Mass. A student at Smith College, Northampton.

**B2-47** ARTHUR SPEAR 8, Ardelia Carver (Spear) 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Arthur Henry Spear was the third child of George Luther Spear and wife Ardelia (Carver) Spear. Born Jan. 27, 1867 in Shutesbury, Mass. Married Olive Louise Farrar of Easthampton, Mass., Oct. 7, 1896.

The family lives on Massasoit Street, Northampton and Mr. Spear is buyer and manager of the furniture department of the Consolidated Dry-goods Company of Northampton. He like his older brother, George, is prominent in civic and fraternal organizations and due to his genial disposition is well calculated to win and keep the friendship of the public with whom he comes in contact. He is Past Commander of Northampton Commandery Knights Templar.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B2-52 Louise Farrar, b. Dec. 12, 1908 at Northampton, Mass. A student.



THE SPEARS AND CAMPBELLS  
NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS OF  
THE COOLIDGES

For the last generation or more the three families of Spears and the Campbells have lived in the close neighborhood of the home of Calvin Coolidge on Massasoit Street, Northampton. Back in the early nineteen hundreds, the George Spears and the Coolidges lived in the same duplex house still occupied by the President and his family when they are at home outside of Washington, D. C.

Elizabeth—the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Spear together with John and Calvin Coolidge, sons of the President and Mrs. Coolidge, were all three born in this same duplex house and, as children and young people, were brought up together almost as sister and brothers.

The fact also, that the older folks of the five families address one another by their first names, is significant and pleasing indeed. Since Mr. Coolidge has been President, the U. S. Flag is kept displayed on a flag pole in the front yard of the Coolidge home to mark the place for the thousands of tourists who visit Northampton and Massasoit street yearly.

## B2-7

### Willard Carver Branch

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

**B2-7** WILLARD CARVER 7, Esther Nutting (Carver) 6, John 5. Willard Leonard Carver was the seventh child of Caleb Carver and wife Esther (Nutting) Carver. Born April 7, 1845 at Shutesbury, Mass.; died Feb. 17, 1900, in Faribault, Minn., age 54. Married Mary L. Grant of Shutesbury, Mass., in 1872. She died in Faribault, 1925.

He and his wife lived their later years in Faribault in their comfortable little home on 4th Street. He was an employee of the Nutting Truck Co. for many years.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

B2-53 Infant daughter, b. Feb. 2, 1874; d. Feb. 8, 1874.

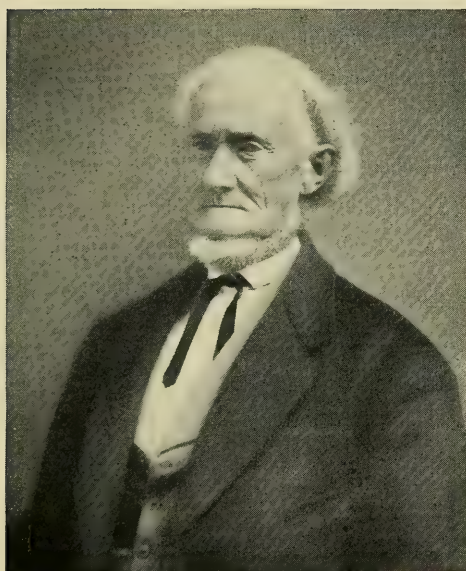
## Chapter VIII



B3

### *Truman Nutting Line*

161 DESCENDANTS



TRUMAN NUTTING

1807-1891

SIXTH GENERATION

SEE CHAPTER XVII PIONEER DAYS OF NUTTINGS  
IN MINNESOTA



# FIRST FAMILY OF TRUMAN NUTTING

At

NUTTINGVILLE—BAY ROAD—SOUTH AMHERST, MASS.

*Middle row*—left to right—TRUMAN NUTTING, HIS FIRST WIFE, LUCINDA (GRAVES) NUTTING; ELDEST CHILD, LOUISA and her husband Wyman Hoyt.

*Top row*—left to right—sons, HENRY, ALONZO, FRANK, JOHN.

*Bottom row*—left to right—sons, SIDNEY, ELIJAH, WARREN, TRUMAN. (Abbie died in infancy).

The group of portraits reproduced from old daguerrotypes taken probably about 1850. Courtesy Mrs. Ina A. Nutting, Duluth, Minn.

For genealogy of persons in the group, see page opposite.



## CHAPTER VIII

### B3

### Truman Nutting Line

#### SIXTH GENERATION

**B-3 TRUMAN NUTTING** 6, John 5. Truman Nutting was the third child of John Nutting and second wife Catherine (Smith) Nutting. Born Feb. 3, 1807 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.; died Sept. 23, 1891, age 84 years, at Faribault, Minn., and buried in the Oak Ridge Cemetery there. Married first, Lucinda Graves, his cousin on his mother's side ——— daughter of Elijah Graves and wife Eunice (Smith) Graves; born Aug. 19, 1809 and died Sept. 11, 1854 at St. Anthony, Minnesota territory, age 45; buried first in cemetery in Northeast Minneapolis, later removed to Oak Ridge Cemetery, Faribault, Minn. Married second, Mary Spencer (Nutting) Dec. 25, 1854 at St. Anthony, Minn., widow of his brother, Freeman; she died May 24, 1904 in Faribault and buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

#### CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION

##### *By First Marriage Born at Nuttingville, Mass.*

- B3- 1    i    Louisa, b. Sept. 2, 1828; d. Aug. 21, 1893; m. Wyman Hoyt.  
B3- 2    ii    Henry Appleton, b. Jan. 14, 1830; d. June 5, 1896; m. Emily Nutting.  
B3- 3    iii    Alonzo, b. Jan. 2, 1832; d. Jan. 20, 1899; m. 1, Mary Brown; 2, Louise Alley.  
B3- 4    iv    Frank, b. Jan. 31, 1834; d. Sept. 18, 1916; m. 1, Mary Reed; 2, Sarah Brown; 3, Mrs. Martha Alexander.  
B3- 5    v    John, b. Aug. 31, 1836; d. Oct. 16, 1912; m. 1, Eliza White; 2, Mary White; 3, Belle Beede.  
B3- 6    vi    Sidney Smith, b. Aug. 26, 1838; d. May 30, 1919; m. 1, Nancy Conner; 2, Etna King.  
B3- 7    vii    Elijah Graves, b. June 15, 1841; d. Nov. 2, 1922; m. Emorette Pomeroy.  
B3- 8    viii    Warren, b. Nov. 21, 1844; d. Dec. 6, 1919; m. Mary Kerr.  
B3- 9    ix    Truman Leonard, b. Jan. 1, 1847; d. Jan. 11, 1902; m. Jennie Weaver.  
B3-10    x    Abbie, b. ———; d. in infancy.

##### *By Second Marriage Born in Faribault, Minn.*

- B3-11    i    Emily Alice, b. Feb. 17, 1856; d. Dec. 19, 1911; m. Dr. Elias P. Case.  
B3-12    ii    Abbie Luthera, b. July 17, 1858; d. July 23, 1902; m. Dr. Wm. Powers.  
B3-13    iii    Katherine Spencer, b. July 1, 1860; m. 1, Wm. Whipple; 2, Ed. Norris.

### Principal Dates in the Life of Truman Nutting

1807, Feb. 3—Born at Nuttingville, Bay Road, Mass.

1827 (?)—Married 1st wife Lucinda Graves by whom he had family of 10 children, 8 boys and 2 girls. For 25 years he lived at Nuttingville on the

Old Bay Road and conducted a sawmill, toolmaking shop and carried on a general merchandising business with the neighborhood round-about.

- 1852—Summer, moved with family to Olean, N. Y. where he and his boys did carpentering and woodshop work.  
 1854—Spring, journeyed up the Mississippi River by boat to St. Paul and by team across to St. Anthony, Minn. Territory (now Minneapolis).  
 1854, Dec. 25—Married 2nd wife Mary Spencer (Nutting) by whom he had three daughters.  
 1855, April—Moved with family to Faribault, Minn., and started the first Hotel variously called The Nutting Hotel, or Faribault House.  
 1859—Sold Hotel and moved onto farm of Dr. Jewett, persuing farming on this and Tom Chaffee place south of town for several years.  
 1863—Built house in Faribault on the west side where he and several of his grown sons manufactured brooms in a small shop for several years.

1891, Sept. 23—Died at his home, age 84 years.

*For glimpses of the early Massachusetts life of TRUMAN NUTTING and family and later in Minnesota see:—*

*"Illustrated Section of Nuttingville, Mass." Chapter IV.*

*"Old Account Books of Truman Nutting." Chapter IV.*

*"Pioneer Days of Nuttings in Minnesota." Chapter XVII.*

*"Nutting Family Concert Troupes." Chapter XVIII.*

Copy of family records in possession of Mrs. Sidney S. Nutting, Elgin, Ill., July 6 1925.

#### CHILDREN OF EUNICE (SMITH) GRAVES

- Ransom Graves—Age 48, Jan. 20 ———.  
 Emily Thompson—Age 47, Oct. 22, ———.  
 LUCINDA NUTTING—Age 45, Aug. 19, 1809, Sept. 11, 1854.  
 Julia Morgan—Age 43, Sept. 3 ———.  
 Elijah Graves—Age 40, Oct. 15, ———.  
 Nancy Vanhooren—Age 37, March 27, ———.  
 Harriet Hubbard—Age 34, Dec. 31, ———.

#### NAMES AND BIRTH OF TRUMAN AND LUCINDA NUTTING FAMILY.

- Louisa S.,—Born Sept. 2, 1828.  
 Henry A.,—Born Jan. 14, 1830.  
 Alonzo—Born Jan. 2, 1832.  
 Frank—Born Jan. 31, 1834.  
 John—Born Aug. 31, 1836.  
 Sidney—Born Aug. 26, 1838.  
 Elijah G.,—Born June 15, 1841.  
 Warren—Born Nov. 21, 1844.  
 Truman L.,—Born Jan. 1, 1847.  
 Abbie—Born ———.

*Note W.M.N.—According to the records (Craft's History of Whately), CATHERINE SMITH who married JOHN NUTTING, and EUNICE SMITH who married Elijah Graves were SISTERS.*







OLD TRUMAN NUTTING HOUSE AT FARIBAULT, MINN.  
Photo courtesy Mrs. Kate Nutting (Norris) B3-13, Chico, Cal.



HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND UTENSILS  
from Old Nutting Homes, photo by W. M. N.

**T**HESE antiques came originally from Nuttingville, Mass., back in the early 1850's, and are now in possession of your compiler. The articles on the top of the bureaus, left to right, are "Pearl China" Sugar Bowl and "Ironstone China" Platter used in the Dining Table of the First Hotel in Faribault run by Truman Nutting. The Brass Warming Pan, when filled with live coals, was used to warm beds, and the dilapidated old book at the right was the Old Hotel Register—part of an old account book (see Chapter XVII). One of the bureaus belonged to Truman's first family back in Massachusetts, and the other to his brother Freeman's family—Truman having married Freeman's widow, Mary, after the death of his wife Lucinda. The chair was used by Grandmother Mary during the nearly 50 years of her life in Faribault, Minn., from the starting of the Nutting Hotel in 1855 to the time of her death in 1904, and probably much longer.

*Catherine Smith (Nutting) had son Truman Nutting.  
Eunice Smith (Graves) had daughter Lucinda Graves.  
This makes Truman and Lucinda own cousins.*

### **Truman Nutting Homestead**

Faribault, Minnesota

THE house was built of native lumber in the early 60's, and is still standing in a good state of preservation, corner of Division street and Prairie Avenue. It long since passed into the hands of strangers, having been sold soon after the death of its builder and owner, Truman Nutting in 1891.

The persons in the picture are:—

*sitting*—Grandmother Mary (Spencer) Nutting who was the widow 1st of Freeman Nutting and 2nd of his brother Truman.

*standing, next to right*—Eva Nutting maiden daughter of Grandmother Mary Nutting by 1st husband.

*standing, at extreme right*—Katherine (Katie) Nutting by second husband, afterwards married 1, Wm. Whipple; 2, Edward Norris.

The pony was "Old Tom" the family horse of Grandfather Truman for many years before his master died.

The old well house stood over the open stone curbed well about 40 feet deep and many is the time thirsty children and grandchildren have expectantly watched Grandfather Truman Nutting pull up a bucket of cold refreshing water hand over hand on the well rope running over the squeaky well wheel hung in the top, and discharged in a torrent into the pail placed to receive it under the projecting spout at the side. The big long handled tin dipper seemed hardly large enough to hold sufficient of the cold, sparkling water to quench the insistent thirst on a hot summer's day.

The interior of the house was the scene of many large and memorable family gatherings of all the kinsfolks living in and about Faribault, so that on occasions like Thanksgiving Day, back in the 80's, it was not uncommon for close onto 50 of Nutting relatives to sit down to no less than two long tables one in the dining room and one in the sitting room, bending down under the loads of Roast Turkey, vegetables, cranberry sauce, Boston Brown Bread, New England Home Made mince pie with big raisins, etc., etc., too numerous to mention.

In the afternoon the cousins would find their enjoyment in sliding down "Holmquist's Hill," or going skating on the "Railroad Pond," while the older folks sat about the big sheet iron stove talking over "the good old days of yore." On return of the young folks at dusk, cold and hungry, the evening appetite was satisfied by standing around the tables picking the turkey bones and cleaning up the fragments of food left over from the mid-day meal.

The evening hours were spent up until about 10 o'clock, (which was considered quite late enough in those days) in telling stories, playing charades, and singing the old time songs, many of which were brought in memory from old New England thirty years or more before. (See Chapter XVIII).

One outdoor Nutting Family Picnic, worthy of note, was held July 4, 1881 on the vacant lot across the corner from the old Truman Nutting home on what was called the Henry Morse place. A large bower of green branches was erected and from under it a bountiful picnic dinner was served to a crowd numbering 101 Nutting Relatives who had gathered for the occasion from within the city of Faribault, neighboring towns and surrounding farming communities. In the afternoon patriotic stunts were staged by both old and young and the day's festivities appropriately ended by a generous display of fireworks.

A sad commentary on the Faribault colony of Nutting Kinsfolk of today is the fact that since the passing of Grandfather Truman and Uncle Levi in 1891 and 1898 respectively, very few family gatherings have been held and no matter however well disposed the folks might be to have them, it is doubtful if more than a handful could be gotten together, due to the tribe having greatly dwindled in numbers due to deaths and removals to other parts of the country. Your compiler and family of three are the only ones left in the vicinity carrying the Nutting name.

## B3-1

### Louisa Hoyt Branch

**B3-1** LOUISA NUTTING (HOYT) 7, Truman 6, John 5. Louisa Smith Nutting was the eldest child of Truman Nutting and 1st wife Lucinda (Graves) Nutting. Born Sept. 2, 1828 at Nuttingville, Bay Road, Mass.; died Aug. 21, 1893, age 64. Married Wyman Hoyt of South Amherst, Mass.

#### AMHERST RECORDS

##### *Marriages:*

June 14, 1850; Wyman Hoyt at Amherst, 24, of Amherst; mechanic born Leicester, son of Shilah and Lydia Hoyt; 1st marriage by Rev. Ephriam Scott, pastor South Methodist Church, Amherst to Louisa S. Nutting, Amherst, 22, born Amherst, daughter of Truman and Lucinda Nutting, 1st marr.; Amherst 46:1.

They lived at Nuttingville all their lives and Mr. Hoyt was a worker in the Nutting Industries in their prime during the 40's and 50's, and besides, he did light farming.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born at Nuttingville, Mass.*

B3-14 i Nella, b. Jan. 14, 1852; d. Jan. 3, 1892; m. Herbert Johnson.

B3-15 ii Webster, b. Dec. 10, 1853; d. April 10, 1918; m. Helen Robinson.

B3-16 iii Flora, b. Oct. 9, 1865; d. Dec. 25, 1927; m. John Shumway.

#### TRIBUTES TO AUNT LOUISA

As your compiler I wish to lodge my personal tribute of esteem and admiration for Aunt Louisa, as I remember her very well when I was a



child of 4 or 5 and my parents used to drive over from Florence to visit at her home. I have heard my father, her brother, tell how she was like a second mother to him and the large family of eight brothers; a woman of saintly qualities, self-sacrificing and helpful to all with whom she came in contact.

*On making inquiry for information concerning Aunt Louisa Nutting (Hoyt) family record, Cousin Emily Thayer writes as follows:—*

### BAY ROAD, SOUTH AMHERST

January 5, 1926.

Dear Cousin Walter:

Please excuse me for not answering your letter sooner, but we have been so busy over the holidays, have just found time to think what I wanted to say. I think if you write to your cousin, Flora Shumway, who lives in Orange, Mass., perhaps she could give you the information you want and also the date of her mother's death, your Aunt Louisa. I thought I could find it and of course could by going to the cemetery, but she would know the exact date and perhaps could give you some other information about her own family and also Nella's two daughters, who live near her in the same town, and also about Archie Hoyt's family. I must tell you that your Aunt Louisa Hoyt was a wonderful woman when she lived in Nuttingville. If anybody was sick or in trouble in any way she was on hand and so capable in every way. She was Grandma Hoyt to all the children and lots of the grownups. Always had a kind word for everybody and always cheerful and helpful in sickness and death. You know in those days people depended upon a kind neighbor to come in and prepare for a funeral instead of calling the undertaker as now they do. Mrs. Hoyt and my mother were the ones to call on and always went, expected to. I don't know but you know all this but I want you to know that there are not many women like your Aunt Louisa and it was a great loss to the community when she was taken away. Flora Shumway is the only living child left and she is much like her mother in looks and ways. Hope if you ever come to Mass. again you will have time to go and see her. I saw her in the fall and she is very much interested in what you are doing.

COUSIN EMILY THAYER.

### **Family Letter by Louisa Nutting (Hoyt)**

*Following is a copy of a family letter written by Louisa Nutting (Hoyt) to her brother Warren Nutting in Faribault, Minn., back in 1875 which gives expression in her own quaint language and Yankee terms to her noble characteristics of mind and soul, besides affording glimpses of the life and activities of a number of the kinsfolks at that particular time.*

South Amherst, March 29, 1875.

Dear Brother Warren:

I was very agreeably surprised by receiving a letter from you for I had begun to think you and the rest had forgotten your old sister in Mass., who often thinks of the days when we were all together, an unbroken family, and who has almost a mother love for you all. The older I grow the

more my mind wanders back to old times when we all lived to home right in stone's throw of me now. And are very unreconciled to be separated so far from those I love so well. You were so young when you went from here that you probably have forgotten about things here a great deal, and have no great desire to come back here to see the place, but I hope to see you boys here sometime for my sake. If you boys had not all got married I should expect to see you here sometime but it is hard starting old folks so far from home and we are old when we get settled with a family. You did not mention about your wife or whether you had any babies. Now next time you write don't forget to give all the particulars about them. I can't make it seem that you and True are old enough to be married, but I have children that are and a grandchild old enough to call me grandma. Nella lives at Northampton but comes home every week, so it don't seem as though she lived away so far. She has got a smart little girl, if I do say it, and we all love her. Web lives at home and works for Robinson, and so does Wym. They have not had much work this winter. Business has been very dull and very cold weather here. They have the blues some as times are not so flattering as they expected, by this time, but what troubles me as much as anything is the water works have froze up, and we have to bring water from the corner, a thing that has never happened since we lived here before. The frost forced the plug out of the logs in the night and it froze in the pipes. Flora wants to know if I have written anything about her. She says she is acquainted with your picture, and wants me to write that she is trying to learn to play on the organ but don't get along much. We have not seen Emily since Christmas. We have such severe weather that it is bad to get around. I have been expecting Sid and Elijah over all winter but they don't come. You mentioned that you heard that I thought of coming out there. So I have this great many years, but suppose it is doubtful if not impossible that such happiness will ever be granted me. Uncle Henry was here the other day and said that he and Aunt Kate should go to Minn. and make a visit, and invited me to go with them. Did not know when but they were laying plans to that effect. I wish you would try to start Father and Mother down here this summer. Tell him he is growing old and will be harder to start. Most half of the children and all the great grandchildren are here now. He has got lots of friends who want to see him. Aunt Esther is very feeble. Tell Frank and Jane to write me a good long letter. Tell them all to write, brothers and sisters, and I will try to answer if it is not worth much. Now if we could get together don't think it would be half so dry to talk as it is to write it. My gift lies in talk if I have got any. Write again if no harm comes of writing this time. Give love to all, take lots to yourself.

Love for all, LOUISA.

The persons mentioned in the letter in order of their occurrence are:—

"True," was Truman Nutting her youngest brother.

"Nella," was her daughter Nella Johnson.

"Web," was her son Webster Hoyt.

"Wym," was her husband Wyman Hoyt.

"Flora" was her younger daughter.

"Emily" This was probably Emily Nutting, wife of Louisa's brother Henry, who although living in Faribault, Minn., was visiting at the time at her father's, Ebenezer Nutting in Florence, Mass.

"Sid," and "Elijah" were Sidney and Elijah Nutting her brothers.

"Uncle Henry" was Henry Bishop husband of her aunt Kate Bishop.

"Aunt Kate" was Katherine Nutting (Bishop).

"Father and Mother" were her own father Truman Nutting and her stepmother Mary (Spencer) Nutting.

"Aunt Esther" was Esther Nutting (Carver).

"Frank and Jane" were her own brother and his wife.

**B3-14 NELLA HOYT (JOHNSON)** 8, Louisa Nutting (Hoyt) 7, Truman Nutting 6, John 5. Nella Hoyt was the eldest child of Louisa (Nutting) Hoyt and husband Wyman Hoyt of Nuttingville, So. Amherst, Mass. Born Jan. 14, 1852 at Nuttingville, Mass.; died Jan. 3, 1892, age 39. Married Herbert Johnson of Hockanum, Mass.

Hockanum continued to be the home of the family which is near the historic "Hockanum Ferry" across the Connecticut River from Northampton to the Holyoke Mountain side.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Hockanum, Mass.*

B3-17 i Edna, b. Feb. 11, 1874; m. Marshall Johnson of Orange, Mass.

B3-18 ii Alice, b. Oct. 8, 1878; m. Charles Lewis of Orange, Mass.

**B3-15 WEBSTER HOYT** 8, Louisa Nutting (Hoyt) 7, Truman 6, John 5. Webster Hoyt was the second child of Louisa Nutting (Hoyt) and husband Wyman Hoyt of Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass. Born Dec. 10, 1853 at Nuttingville, Mass.; died April 10, 1918. Married Helen Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Robinson of Nuttingville (?).

Mr. Hoyt was a mechanic and woodworker. Worked at making planes etc., for his uncle Truman and later in the Robinson Factory for the manufacture of children's wagons and sleds.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Nuttingville, Mass.*

B3-19 i Archie A., b. July 26, 1875; m. Alice Thrasher.

B3-20 ii Percy E., b. 1879; d. March 26, 1886.

B3-21 iii Robert, b. ———; d. in infancy.

**B3-19 ARCHIE HOYT** 9, Webster Hoyt 8, Louisa Nutting (Hoyt) 7, Truman 6, John 5. Archie A. Hoyt was the eldest child of Webster and Helen Hoyt. Born July 26, 1875. Married Alice Thrasher. He is a farmer and lives in Nuttingville.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Nuttingville, Mass.*

B3-22 i Marion H., b. Sept. 13, 1896; single.

B3-23 ii Walter R., b. Oct. 21, 1898; m. Betty McClean.

B3-24 iii Robert W., b. May 22, 1900; m. Lucy Tilton.

**B3-16 FLORA HOYT (SHUMWAY)** 8, Louisa Nutting (Hoyt) 7, Truman 6, John 5. Flora Adella Hoyt was the third child of Louisa (Nutting)



Hoyt and husband Wyman Hoyt. Born Oct. 9, 1865 at Nuttingville, Mass. Died Dec. 25, 1927. Married John Shumway of Orange, Mass., where they lived and raised their family of five children.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Orange, Mass.*

- B3-25 i Maud, b. Feb. 17, 1884; m. Percy Newton.  
 B3-26 ii Ralph D., b. July 29, 1887; d. in infancy.  
 B3-27 iii Blanche, b. June 19, 1889; m. John Griffin of Springfield, Mass.  
 B3-28 iv Ola Irene, b. May 12, 1896; m. Andrew Bigelow of Athol, Mass.  
 B3-29 v Victor A., b. Sept. 7, 1900; m. Theresa Carney.

Orange, Mass., Jan. 21, 1926.

Walter M. Nutting.

Dear Cousin:

Your letter and genealogy sheets at hand and have looked them over and have filled them out as far as I know the correct dates. I remember of going over to Florence to your father's home once. My mother was a nurse there at that time. Did you have any brothers or sisters? I always liked Uncle Lige (I used to call him), and Uncle Sidney also. I never saw any of the other uncles.

When you and your family come East again would like to have you make me a call and get better acquainted. Hoping I have helped a little in your big undertaking, I wish you success.

Yours very truly,

COUSIN FLORA A. SHUMWAY.

PRESS OBITUARY—ORANGE, MASS.

The funeral of Mrs. Flora A. Shumway, 63, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 at Witty's funeral home. Rev. A. W. Frye will officiate and burial will be at the South cemetery. Mrs. Shumway died Sunday, Dec. 25, 1927, at the Heywood Memorial hospital, Gardner, after an illness of five weeks. She was a native of South Amherst the daughter of Wyman and Louisa (Nutting) Hoyt. She was married to John Shumway 45 years ago and had spent most of her life here. Besides her husband, she leaves three daughters, Mrs. Ora Bigelow of Athol, Mrs. Blanche Griffin and Mrs. Maude Newton of Springfield, and one son, Victor Shumway, also of Springfield. There are two grandchildren living.

**B3-25** MAUD SHUMWAY 9, Flora Hoyt (Shumway) 8, Louisa Nutting (Hoyt) 7, Truman 6, John 5. Maud Louisa Shumway was the eldest child of Flora (Hoyt) Shumway and husband John Shumway. Born Feb. 17, 1884 at Orange, Mass. Married Percy Newton of Springfield, Mass., where they live.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at So. Hadley Falls, Mass.*

- B3-30 Violet, b. March 19, 1904; d. March 22, 1904.

**B3-29** VICTOR SHUMWAY 9, Flora Hoyt (Shumway) 8, Louisa Nutting (Hoyt) 7, Truman 6, John 5. Victor A—— Shumway was the fifth

child of Flora (Hoyt) Shumway and husband John Shumway. Born Sept. 7, 1900 at Orange, Mass. Married Theresa Carney of Springfield, Mass., where the family lives.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born in Springfield, Mass.*

B3-31 i Victor A., Jr., b. Sept. 19, 1922.

B3-32 ii Mary F.———, b. Oct. 21, 1924.

## B3-2

### Henry Nutting Branch

**B3-2 HENRY NUTTING** 7, Truman 6, John 5. Henry Appleton Nutting was the second child of Truman Nutting and first wife Lucinda (Graves) Nutting. Born at Nuttingville, Bay Road, Mass., Jan 14, 1830; died June 5, 1896 at Faribault, Minn., age 65 years; buried in Maple Lawn Cemetery. Married his cousin Emily Nutting, daughter of Ebenezer and Emily Nutting of Nuttingville, Mass. (See B1-3).

Mr. Nutting lived approximately the first half of his life in the place of his birth at Nuttingville, Mass., and the remainder in Faribault, Minn. He was a woodworker and broommaker by trades at which occupations he, his father and several of his eight brothers were more or less engaged for a great many years.

He was a musician and played the Cello in the Nutting Brothers Musical Organization in 1866 (see Chapter XVIII). He was a devout member of the Methodist Church all his life and assisted in the Church music up until a short time before his death.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

B3-33 i Jennie Elizabeth, b. Nov. 5, 1852 at Nuttingville, So. Amherst, Mass.; m. Eugene S. Willard.

B3-34 ii Mary Lucinda, b. July 21 1857 at Nuttingville, So. Amherst, Mass.; m. Rev. Geo. Way.

B3-35 iii Fred Freeman, b. Nov. 19, 1871 at Faribault, Minn.; d. June 13, 1928; m. Lulu Covert.

B3-36 iv Willis, b. ——— at Northampton, Mass., d. young.

**B3-33 JENNIE NUTTING (WILLARD)** 8, Henry 7, Truman 6, John 5. Jennie Elizabeth Nutting was the eldest child of Henry and Emily Nutting of Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass. Born Nov. 5, 1852 at same place. Married Eugene S. Willard of Faribault, Minn., Dec. 25, 1873, at Florence, Mass. He died Aug. 29, 1875 at Faribault, Minn.

They lived their short married life in a typical New England white house on 1st Street, Faribault, Minn. After the death of Mr. Willard she lived with her parents at various locations in Faribault and since their death has continued to live in the place of last residence of her mother on 2nd Street.

She is a devoted member of the Methodist Church. Her parents both having been Nuttings, she embodies in a remarkable degree the true New

England Nutting family resemblance, together with many noble traits of character and Christian virtues.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

**B3-34 MARY NUTTING (WAY)** 8, Henry 7, Truman 6, John 5. Mary Lucinda (Nutting) was the second child of Henry and Emily Nutting. Born July 21, 1857 at Nuttingville, Mass.; died Sept. 16, 1887 at Merriam Park, Minn., and buried in Claremont, Minn. Married Rev. Geo. H. Way of Claremont, Minn., who also died ——— in middle life. He was a Methodist minister.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B3-37 i Perley, b. Dec. 16, 1877 at Claremont, Minn.; d. Oct. 8, 1882.  
 B3-38 ii Eugene Henry, b. Dec. 20, 1881 at Claremont, Minn.; d. young.  
 B3-39 iii Mary Olive, b. Sept. 15, 1887 at Merriam Park, Minn.; d. Sept. 16, 1881.

**B3-35 FRED NUTTING** 8, Henry 7, Truman 6, John 5. Fred Freeman Nutting was the third child of Henry and Emily Nutting of Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass. Born Nov. 19, 1871 at Faribault, Minn. Married Lulu Covert daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Covert; died June 13, 1928 at Elgin, Ill., age 56; buried in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Faribault, Minn.

Mr. Nutting was educated in the public schools of Faribault and graduated from the high school, 1890. As a young man he took up engraving and persued that line of work in Minneapolis for several years. He returned to Faribault and engaged in the photographing business at the studio of Lynn Peavy, Sr. After the death of Mr. Peavy he bought out the business and conducted it under the name of the Nutting Studio.

About the year 1918 he sold out his photographing business to the Jones Studio and moved with his wife to Rockton, Ill., where he was engaged in a bank and insurance business. Later they moved to Rockford, Ill., where they resided until shortly before his death which occurred at a sanitarium in Elgin, Ill., where he had gone following a nervous breakdown.

Mr. Nutting inherited the fine sympathetic taste for music of his Nutting ancestry on both his father's and mother's side they being Nuttings (See B1-3). He had a clear tenor voice and was proficient in the art of playing the organ which instrument he played for many years in the Methodist Church in Faribault, of which he was a devout member all his life. He did much to keep alive the Nutting Family music, participated in so extensively and acceptably by the generations before him.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

### Alonzo Nutting Branch

**B3-3 ALONZO NUTTING** 7, Truman 6, John 5. Alonzo Nutting was the third child of Truman Nutting and first wife Lucinda (Graves) Nutting. Born at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass., Jan 2, 1832; died Jan. 20, 1899 at West Springfield, Mass., and buried there, age 67 years. Married first Mary Elizabeth Brown of Granby, Mass. Married second, Louise C. Alley of West Springfield, Mass.



## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*First Marriage*

- B3-40 i Mary Isabel, b. ——— 1854 at Springfield, Mass.; d. ——— 1918; m. John Atzbach.  
 B3-41 ii Charles Sumner, b. Sept. 30, 1856 at Faribault, Minn.; m. Catherine Ford.  
 B3-42 iii Cora Adelaide, b. Aug., 1858 at Faribault, Minn.; d. ——— 1911; unm.  
 B3-43 iv Henry Brown, b. ——— 1860 at Faribault, Minn.; d. Jan. 1, 1861.  
 B3-44 v William Henry, b. ——— 1862 at Northampton, Mass.; d. ——— 1906; unm.

*Second Marriage*

- B3-45 vi Frank Porter, b. ——— 1867 at Springfield, Mass.; m. Miriam Louise Lathrop.

## OBITUARY

*From the Springfield Republican of Saturday, January 21, 1899.*

## DEATH OF ALONZO NUTTING

A skilled worker formerly employed at the Wason Car Shops.

ALONZO NUTTING, 67, of 6 Westfield Street, West Springfield, died yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock of pneumonia, after an illness of three weeks. He had been a resident of West Springfield for five years, where he had busied himself doing cabinet work and violin repairing. Mr. Nutting was born in Amherst in 1832. He was one of ten children and spent his early life working with his father, Truman Nutting at the business of making carpenter's planes. When 21 years old he went to Holyoke, where he was a woodworker in the Holyoke machine shop. He remained there about three years, when he removed to Minnesota. Six years of western life was enough for him and he returned to this state and settled in Northampton, entering the employ of the Connecticut River Railroad Company. Not long after he came to this city and after working a short time at the Watershops, he began work for the Wason Manufacturing Company at Brightwood. He remained there 25 years, during 12 of which he was foreman in the cabinet department. The next 8 years were spent in the employ of different wood-working firms in this city and five years ago he removed to West Springfield.

Mr. Nutting was a skilled woodworker and produced many pieces of furniture and house decorations that attracted attention for their elaborate workmanship. While in the employ of the Wason company he was assigned to the finest work and his skill added greatly to the beauty of the cars. (Railway passenger cars).

Mr. Nutting was also a skilled musician, having throughout his early life been prominent as a tenor singer in quartets and church choirs. He was often called upon to fill places on programs where prominent musicians were his companions. His skill also turned toward violins both in a musical and mechanical way. He owned an instrument of the Guarnerius pattern which was made in 1674. Its tone is considered good and the instrument will be kept as an heirloom by his son, Frank, who is conductor of the Philharmonic orchestra in this city.

Mr. Nutting was twice married. His first wife was Miss Elizabeth Brown, to whom he was married in 1853. They had five children, one of whom died in infancy, and the others are Miss Marybell, Miss Cora A., Charles S., and William H. Nutting. He was again married in 186-- to Miss Louise C. Alley of West Springfield, who with her son, Frank, and the four mentioned survive. The funeral will be held at 22 Wendell Avenue at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, Rev. F. L. Goodspeed officiating. The body will be placed in the tomb in Oak Grove cemetery.

**B3-40 MARY NUTTING (ATZBACH)** 8, Alonzo 7, Truman 6, John 5. Mary Isabel Nutting was the eldest child of Alonzo Nutting and first wife Mary (Brown) Nutting. Born Aug., 1854 in Springfield, Mass.; died ——— 1918, age 64 years; married John Atzbach of New York City.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B3-46 May ———.

**B3-41 CHARLES NUTTING** 8, Alonzo 7, Truman 6, John 5. Charles Sumner Nutting was the second child of Alonzo Nutting and first wife Mary (Brown) Nutting. Born Sept. 30, 1856 in Faribault, Minn. Married Catherine Ford of Boston, Mass., and lives at 16 Westland Ave., Boston, Mass. He is engaged in the wholesale paper business.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B3-47 Lillith May, b. May 1, 1884 at Boston; single and lives in Brookline, Mass.

**B3-45 FRANK NUTTING** 8, Alonzo 7, Truman 6, John 5. Frank Porter Nutting was the only child of Alonzo Nutting and second wife Louise (Alley) Nutting. Born ——— 1867 at Springfield, Mass. Married Miriam Louise Lathrop of Springfield, Mass. He is a teacher of the violin in Springfield and leader of the Philharmonic Orchestra of that city.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B3-48 Frank, b. ———1889; d. in infancy.

## B3-4

### Frank Nutting Branch

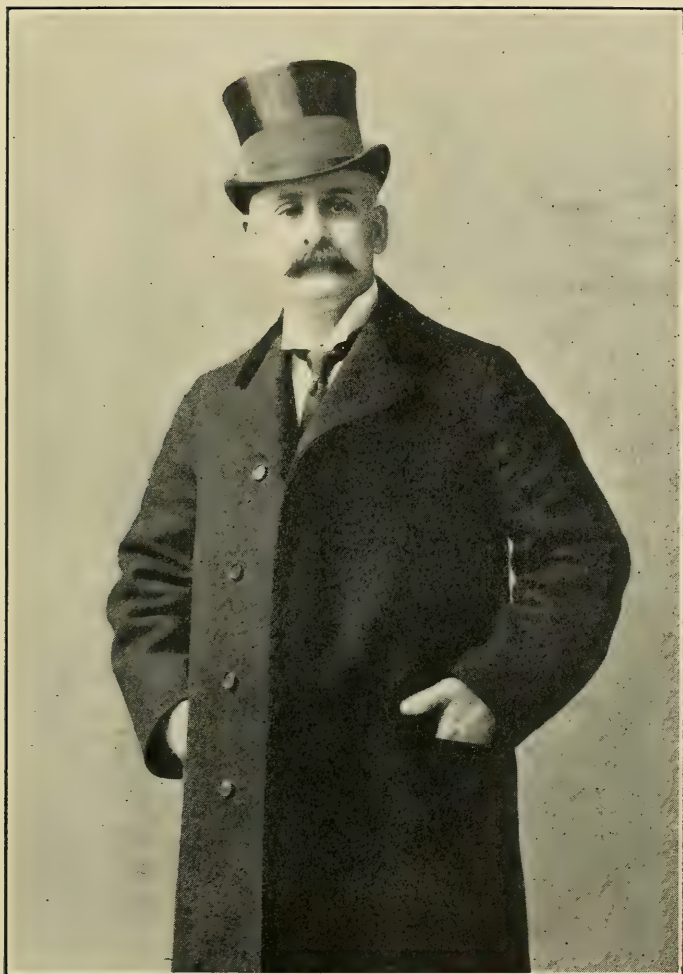
**B3-4 FRANK NUTTING** 7, Truman 6, John 5. Frank Nutting was the fourth child of Truman Nutting and first wife Lucinda (Graves) Nutting. Born Jan. 31, 1834 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.; died Sept. 18, 1916 at Faribault, Minn., age 82 years; buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Married first Mary Jane Reed at Olean, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1853; married second Sarah Jane Brown, March 1, 1858, daughter of Anson and Artemisia Brown of Chicopee, Mass., died Jan. 8, 1909 at Faribault, Minn.; married third Mrs. Martha Case (Alexander) of Waterville, Minn., who survives him.

CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

First Marriage

B3-49 i Evelyn Lucinda, b. July 17, 1854, Olean, N. Y.; d. March 18, 1915; m. Edwin A. Hare.

B3-50 ii Carolyn Emily, b. Dec. 19, 1856, Faribault, Minn.; m. twice.



CHARLES SUMNER NUTTING—*Eighth Generation*







*Second Marriage*

- B3-51 i Frank Brown, b. Dec. 19, 1859, Faribault, Minn.; d. May 19, 1922.
- B3-52 ii Warren, b. ———; d. ——— in infancy.
- B3-53 iii Arthur Leslie, b. Oct. 22, 1862, Faribault, Minn.; d. Feb. 8, 1927; m. Ina Nutting (cousin).
- B3-54 iv Freddie, b. ———; d. ——— in infancy.
- B3-55 v Irvin, b. ———; d. ——— in infancy.
- B3-56 vi Maude Louisa, b. Jan. 8, 1866, Granby Hollow, Mass.; d. Jan. 16, 1904; m. Darwin Jacob Mott.
- B3-57 vii Lizzie, b. ———; d. ——— in infancy.
- B3-58 viii Harry Anson, b. March 5, 1871, Faribault, Minn.; m. Lissie Van Saun.
- B3-59 ix John Truman, b. July 17, 1872, Faribault, Minn.; m. Gertie Rudbeck.
- B3-60 x Albert Laurence, b. June 9, 1876, Faribault, Minn.; m. Susan Eloise Laverty.
- B3-61 xi Ethel Norine, b. May 27, 1878, Faribault, Minn.; m. Harry Rising.

**Life of Frank Nutting**

Mr. Nutting came to Minnesota in 1854 stopping a year at St. Anthony. In 1855 he came to Faribault and settled there. He was a prominent member of the first band and also of the Eight Nutting Brothers Concert Troupe. He was one of the first members of the Baptist Church and played the organ there for five years. The winter of 1865-6 he was a member of the Eight Nutting Brothers Concert Troupe touring Minnesota (See Chapter XVIII). For a number of years back in the 60's and 70's he conducted a farm on the Roberds Lake road a short ways northwest of Faribault where a number of his older children were born and received their education in the country schools of the vicinity.

In 1881 he emigrated to Todd County, Minnesota, settling at Clarissa. He and his older son went back over the same trail he had traveled in the early days as far as Minneapolis, this time also in a prairie schooner. At Clarissa he was engaged in the lumber mill business and kept a general store. After about fifteen years he returned to Faribault and built his late home on Ninth Ave. So., where he lived a retired life until his death.

**SINGS OLD HYMNS AFTER 50 YEARS (1912?)**

Mr. Nutting Revives Old Memories With Song Used at  
Re-dedication of Baptist Church, Faribault, Minn.

THE social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nutting last night was of more than usual interest. A goodly number of Baptist people gathered in that pleasant home and enjoyed an evening of music, social converse and quiet games.

One of the features of the program was the singing of old songs by Mr. Nutting to his own accompaniment, Mrs. Nutting joining in the chorus. One of the songs was "Grandfather's Clock." Another one was the old hymn beginning, "Blow ye the trumpet, blow," to the tune "Lenox," which

was sung by Mr. Nutting at the dedication of the Baptist church about 1862, the first church building erected in Faribault and dedicated by Dr. Pope of St. Paul. With the opening of the first house of worship in the place, doubtless the words of the chorus seemed particularly appropriate: "The year of jubilee has come; return ye ransomed sinners home."

Mr. Nutting was organist and choir leader for five years. He was heard to remark last evening that he had not been as happy for a long while, saying it reminded him of old times. He possesses a sweet, rich voice that has not lost its charm with the passing of years. Some fine piano selections were rendered by Miss Selma Michel.

Refreshments were served, and all departed with grateful appreciation of the good time given them by Mr. and Mrs. Nutting.

OBITUARY—Faribault, Minn., Press., Sept. 21, 1916.

MR. NUTTING IS LAID TO REST AFTER LONG LIFE

Was a Territorial Pioneer, Having Come to Minnesota in May  
of the Year 1854.

Active in Life of City and County for Great Many Years.  
Buried at Oak Ridge.

THE funeral of Frank Nutting, one of the oldest residents of Faribault, and who lived in this city probably longer than most any other resident, was held Wednesday afternoon at the family residence on Ninth Avenue. Burial was made at Oak Ridge cemetery.

Frank Nutting was a territorial pioneer, coming to Minnesota in 1854. He was born at Amherst, Mass., Jan. 31, 1834. He was the third of eight sons of Truman Nutting, well known to early settlers. Only three of the eight are now living.

The family moved westward in 1852, first stopping at Olean, N. Y., for a year or more; starting again for the west, with a team of horses and a prairie schooner, boarding a steamer across Lake Erie to Chicago, there being no railroad west, they drove to the Mississippi river, again taking steamboat, stowing horses, wagon, etc., on forward deck, set out for St. Paul, the head of navigation, there being no railroads this side of LaCrosse, they drove again to St. Anthony, now east Minneapolis, arriving there in May, 1854.

After spending the summer there, and hearing of the wonderful "Canon River Country" (now Faribault), Mr. Nutting in the winter of '54 and '55 came to Faribault and built a log house on a claim of 160 acres which he afterwards pre-empted (now owned by Wm. Kueker), one-half mile south of the Milwaukee depot. There were more Indians than white men here at that time, and wolves watched the building operations suspiciously, keeping at a safe distance. (See Article Faribault in Olden Time, Chapter XVII).

Later he moved nearer town and built a score or more of houses in different parts of the town, running a saw mill at Roberd's Lake for a while. He was always active in helping to build roads, bridges, churches, school houses, etc., giving much of his time and talent as a musician in church and Sunday schools. He was a prominent member of the first band



and taught a singing school for several winters, leading efficiently with his violin. He spent a few years in Todd county in the lumber business where he acquired considerable property, returning again to Faribault about 20 years ago to spend the last years of his life, building the house on Ninth Avenue where he died.

He was married three times and leaves living his wife, five sons and two daughters. All but the two daughters, one in California and one in Stamford, Conn., were present at the funeral.

**B3-49** EVELYN NUTTING (HARE) 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Evelyn Lucinda Nutting was the eldest child of Frank Nutting and first wife Mary (Reed) Nutting. Born July 17, 1854 at Olean, N. Y.; died March 18, 1915 in Cleveland, Ohio, age 60 years. Married Edwin A. Hare of Birmingham, England, Feb. 5, 1880; he died in San Diego, Cal.

CHILDREN, NONE

**B3-50** CAROLYN NUTTING (COOKE-CANNON) 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Carolyn Emily Nutting was the second child of Frank Nutting and first wife Mary (Reed) Nutting. Born Dec. 19, 1856 at Faribault, Minn. Married first Harry H. Cooke of Newark, N. J., Dec. 1, 1875; married second George B. Cannon of Elmira, N. Y., Sept. 1, 1906. Mr. Cannon travels for a large nursery house in the east. Their permanent address is Hotel Belmont, Springfield, Mass.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*First Marriage*

B3-62 Claude Lynn Cooke, b. July 9, 1877 at Elmira, N. Y.; d. March 16, 1917; married Elsie Ashmun of Toledo, Ohio.

**B3-51** FRANK NUTTING 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Frank (Frankie) Brown Nutting was the eldest child of Frank Nutting and second wife Sarah Jane (Brown) Nutting. Born Dec. 19, 1858 at Faribault, Minn.; died May 19, 1922 in St. Paul, Minn., age 63 years; buried at Clarissa, Minn. Married Orpha Coen daughter of Charles and Mary Coen of Clarissa, Minn.

Mr. Nutting followed the merchandising business all his life starting a young man in Faribault as a clerk in the clothing store of Jim and Joe. In 1880 he moved with his father to the then new settlement of Clarissa, Todd County, Minn., where they ran a general store in connection with a sawmill business. After about 25 years of residence there he moved to St. Paul and was engaged as Traveling Credit man for the Northwestern Jobber Credit Association which line of work he followed until shortly before his death.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Clarissa, Minn.*

B3-63 i Olive Isabel, b. May 5, 1887; m. Duard Stafford.

B3-64 ii David Archibald, b. Aug. 17, 1888; m. Hilda Grippne.

B3-65 iii Chester Arthur, b. Nov. 10, 1889; d. Oct. 15, 1909.

B3-66 iv Albert Earle, b. Oct. 10, 1894; d. Oct. 27, 1897.

B3-67 v Flora Maude, b. July 7, 1897; m. Russell Cooper.

B3-68 vi Roland Edward, b. Jan. 17, 1899; unm., a doctor.  
 B3-69 vii Bernard Lyle, b. Feb. 27, 1901; d. March 27, 1901.

**B3-63 OLIVE NUTTING (STAFFORD)** 9, Frank 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Olive Isabel Nutting was the eldest child of Frank Nutting and wife Orpha (Coen) Nutting. Born May 5, 1887 at Clarissa, Minn. Married Duard Stafford of Sioux Falls, S. D.

They lived in Sioux Falls where Mr. Stafford was engaged in the shoe store business, later moving to Huron, S. D. where he now conducts the same line of business.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born in Sioux Falls, S. D.*

B3-70 i Harriet Orpha, b. Aug. 7, 1913.

B3-71 ii Flora Mae, b. Feb. 16, 1916.

B3-72 iii Lois, b. Jan. 1, 1922.

**B3-64 DAVID NUTTING** 9, Frank 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. David Archibald Nutting was the second child of Frank and Orpha Nutting. Born Aug. 17, 1888 at Clarissa, Minn. Married Hilda Grippne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Grippne of Eagle Bend, Minn.

He was in the banking business a number of years at Sebeka, Minn., later moving to Wadena, Minn., where he is now engaged in the Poultry and Seed business with the firm of Peterson and Biddick.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Sebeka, Minn.*

B3-73 i Marvin Tyle, b. July 17, 1909.

B3-74 ii Delos Desmond, b. Sept. 20, 1912.

B3-75 iii Dale, b. Dec. 16, 1917.

B3-76 iv John, b. March 24, 1924.

**B3-67 FLORA NUTTING (COOPER)** 9, Frank 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Flora Maude Nutting was the fifth child of Frank and Orpha (Coen) Nutting. Born July 7, 1897 at Clarissa, Minn. Married Russell Cooper of Sauk Center, Minn.

Mr. Cooper is a Doctor of Dentistry and they live in Sauk Center, Minn., where he practices his profession.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn.*

B3-77 i James Roland, b. Dec. 19, 1924.

B3-78 ii John Frederick, b. Sept. 25, 1927.

**B3-53 ARTHUR NUTTING** 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Arthur Leslie Nutting was the third child of Frank Nutting and second wife Sarah Jane (Brown) Nutting. Born Oct. 22, 1862 at Faribault, Minn.; died Feb. 8, 1927 at Duluth, Minn., age 64 years; buried there. Married Ina Nutting (cousin) daughter of Dr. John Nutting and first wife Eliza (White) Nutting of Faribault, Minn.

Mr. Nutting was born and raised on a farm on the Roberd's Lake road a short ways northwest of Faribault. Grown to young manhood he en-

gaged with his father and brothers in the grocery business in Faribault. In the early 80's he moved with his family to the northern part of the state living at Brainerd and Motley where he was engaged in store business. In later years the family has lived in Duluth where Mr. Nutting was engaged up to the time of his death as salesman and piano tuner for the Boston Music Co., one of the largest Music Houses in the state.

At an early age he evinced marked musical ability, learning to play both organ and piano, also cornet, violin, and bass viol. All through life he devoted a considerable part of his time and energies to music in general. While in Brainerd he conducted the choir in the Methodist Church where with his wife and daughters they took prominent parts in many musical programs of the city. He was one of the first members of the 3rd Regiment Band Minnesota National Guards and played in several orchestra and band organizations in Brainerd and Duluth.

He is survived by his wife and four married children, three daughters and one son: Mrs. Edna Sidwell of Fort Russell, Wyoming, Mrs. Ina Frost and Mrs. Florence Webb of Duluth, and Bert Nutting of Detroit, Mich. There are also several grandchildren.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- B3-79 i Edna Maude, b. Nov. 3, 1881, Faribault, Minn.; m. Wheeler William Sidwell.  
 B3-80 ii Ina Jane, b. March 31, 1884, Brainerd, Minn.; m. John Frost.  
 B3-81 iii Florence Leslie, b. Feb. 20, 1886, Brainerd, Minn.; m. Frank Webb.  
 B3-82 iv Bertrand Legrand, b. Jan. 16, 1893, Motley, Minn.; m. Mae Austin.

**B3-79 EDNA NUTTING (SIDWELL)** 9, Arthur 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Edna Maude Nutting was the eldest child of Arthur and Ina Nutting of Faribault, Minn. Born Nov. 3, 1881 in Faribault. Married Wheeler William Sidwell of Minneapolis, Minn.

Early in life she showed ability as a pianist. Played in several orchestras in the following cities: Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Virginia, Minn., Sioux City, Iowa, Aberdeen, South Dakota, Camp Funston, Kansas. Afterwards spent three years in Europe with her husband, who was an officer and bandleader with the 8th U. S. Infantry and the Army of Occupation in the Rhineland following the World War. The family now live at Fort Russell, Wyoming, where Mr. Sidwell is in Government Army Service as Band Leader.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born in Minneapolis, Minn.*

- B3-83 i Charlotte Audrey, b. July 1, 1906; m. Lieut. Archer F. Freund, Fort Riley, Kansas, Aug. 20, 1927.  
 B3-84 ii Ina Florence, b. March 11, 1908.

These young ladies took part in several Swimming Contests winning for themselves some enviable prizes while on their sojourn with their parents in Europe.



**B3-80 INA NUTTING (FROST)** 9, Arthur 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Ina Jane Nutting was the second child of Arthur and Ina Nutting of Faribault, Minn. Born March 31, 1884 at Brainerd, Minn. Married John Turner Frost of Montour Falls, N. Y., born in 1888.

She is an accomplished musician inheriting from both her father and mother the fine appreciation and talent for music of her Nutting ancestry before her. She plays the piano and has a rich alto voice. Her husband holds an executive position with the Clyde Iron Works of Duluth where the family resides.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born in Duluth, Minn.*

B3-85 i Joyce Phyllis, b. March 2, 1911.

B3-86 ii John Nutting, b. Dec. 25, 1917.

**B3-81 FLORENCE NUTTING (WEBB)** 9, Arthur 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Florence Leslie Nutting was the third child of Arthur and Ina Nutting of Faribault, Minn. Born Feb. 20, 1886 at Brainerd, Minn. Married Frank Melvin Webb of Duluth, Minn.

At the age of eleven she was contralto soloist at St. Paul's Church, Brainerd, Minn., and later was a member of both St. Paul's and Trinity Choirs of Duluth. She has taken part in many concerts and musical programs along with other members of her father's family. Her husband is on the staff of the Duluth Herald and they live in Duluth.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

B3-87 Audrey Jane, b. July 7, 1919 in Duluth, Minn.

**B3-82 BERTRAND NUTTING** 9, Arthur 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Bertrand (Bert) Legrand Nutting was the fourth child of Arthur and Ina Nutting of Faribault, Minn. Born Jan. 16, 1893 at Motley, Minn. Married Mae Austin of Sena, Michigan, born March 8, 1890.

At the early age of four, he sang his first solo at a concert given by the Presbyterian Church of Brainerd, Minn. In early manhood he was a member of the Shrine Band of Duluth and later joined the Groto Band, a Masonic organization of Detroit, Mich., as clarinetist.

The family lives in Detroit, Mich., where Mr. Nutting does clerical work. His wife is a business woman having done insurance business before and after her marriage.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

B3-88 i Phyllis Elva, b. Aug. 18, 1916, in Duluth, Minn.

B3-89 ii Elizabeth Jane, b. Jan. 21, 1919 in Detroit, Mich.

B3-90 iii Caroline Austin, b. Dec. 10, 1921, in Detroit, Mich.

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**B3-56 MAUD NUTTING (MOTT)** 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Maud Louise Nutting was the sixth child of Frank Nutting Nutting and second wife Sarah (Brown) Nutting of Faribault, Minn. Born Jan. 8, 1867 at Granby Hollow, Mass.; died Jan. 16, 1904 at Corning, Cal., age 37 years. Married Darwin Jacob Mott of Clarissa, Minn.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Clarissa, Minn.*

- B3-91 i Genevieve Elaine, b. May 17, 1885; unm. and is a business woman employed in the U. S. Post Office, St. Paul, Minn.  
 B3-92 ii Hazel Nutting, b. March 20, 1887; m. George Morton, Jr.  
 B3-93 iii Erma Clare, b. Feb. 28, 1889; d. March 10, 1920; m. 1 Fenimore Bower, 2 Farnum Winkley.  
 B3-94 iv Bessie Evelyn, b. May 23, 1891; m. Henry Ben Williams.

**B3-92 HAZEL MOTT (MORTON)** 9, Maud Nutting (Mott) 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Hazel Nutting Mott was the second child of Maud (Nutting) Mott and husband Darwin Mott of Clarissa, Minn. Born March 20, 1887 at Clarissa, Minn. Married George Julius Morton, Jr., of St. Paul, Minn., where the family resides.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- B3-95 i Shirley Maude, b. June 12, 1910 in St. Paul, Minn.; d. April 13, 1923.  
 B3-96 ii George Julius, Jr., b. April 25, 1913 at Henriette, Minn.  
 B3-97 iii Sterling Nutting, b. April 21, 1916 at Henriette, Minn.  
 B3-98 iv Richard Head, b. Jan. 26, 1920 at Kensal, North Dakota.

**B3-93 ERMA MOTT (BROWER-WINKLEY)** 9, Maud Nutting (Mott) 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Erma Clare Mott was the third child of Maud (Nutting) Mott and husband Darwin Mott. Born Feb. 28, 1889 at Clarissa, Minn.; died March 10, 1920, age 31 years. Married first Fenimore Vail Brower of Tacoma, Wash.; married second Farnum Albert Winkley of Faribault, Minn.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*First Marriage*

- B3-99 Robert Mott, b. June 4, 1919 at Tacoma, Wash.

**B3-94 BESSIE MOTT (WILLIAMS)** 9, Maud Nutting (Mott) 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Bessie Evelyn Mott was the fourth child of Maud (Nutting) Mott and husband Darwin Mott. Born May 23, 1891 at Clarissa, Minn. Married Henry Benjamin Williams of Faribault, Minn.

The family lives in St. Paul, Minn., where Mr. Williams is connected with a wholesale stationery concern.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

- B3-100 i Henry Benjamin, Jr., b. Feb. 10, 1915 at Faribault, Minn.  
 B3-101 ii John Douglas, b. March 12, 1921 at Duluth, Minn.

**B3-58 HARRY NUTTING** 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Harry Anson Nutting was the eighth child of Frank Nutting and second wife Sarah Jane (Brown) Nutting. Born March 5, 1871 at Faribault, Minn. Married Lissie Van Saun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Van Saun of Faribault, Minn.

Mr. Nutting was born on his father's farm on the Roberd's Lake road a short distance northwest of Faribault. At the age of 10 the family

moved to Clarissa, Todd County, where in early manhood he was engaged with his father in the sawmill business. After his return to Faribault with this father about 15 years later, he engaged in the grocery business which occupation he followed for a number of years. About 1907 he moved to Winter, Sawyer County, Wisconsin where he is manager of the sawmill business of the Nutting Truck Co., of Faribault, Minn. He holds several offices of public trust in his community and is highly respected. He is musical and plays the violin.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

**B3-59** JOHN NUTTING 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. John Truman Nutting was the ninth child of Frank Nutting and second wife Sarah (Brown) Nutting. Born July 17, 1873 at Faribault, Minn.; died March 3, 1927 at Minneapolis and buried in Lakewood Cemetery. Married Gertrude Rudbeck of Clarissa, Minn.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Clarissa, Minn.*

B3-102 i Ruth Irene, b. Dec. 4, 1902; m. Asa Murphy.

B3-103 ii Floyd Gerald, b. June 2, 1904; m. Dorothy Gopley.

B3-104 iii Frank Donald, b. May 2, 1907.

*Obituary by his brother Laurence.*

*Minneapolis, Minn., March 8, 1927.*

#### DEATH OF JOHN T. NUTTING

JOHN TRUMAN NUTTING was born in Faribault, Minn., July 17, 1873. His death occurred suddenly March 3, 1927 of cerebral hemorrhage, at his home in Minneapolis, 400 Walnut St., S. E.

Mr. Nutting came of a family of 11 children, seven of whom grew to maturity. Of these seven, but three survive him. Mr. Nutting's parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nutting moved with the family from Faribault to Clarissa, Minn., when John was but 8 years of age in the year 1881.

At Clarissa his father was engaged in the sawmill business. When the family arrived at Clarissa there was little or no town—perhaps less than half a dozen houses made up the little village and these were mostly of logs.

Sauk Center was the nearest railroad point 30 miles away. During the summer of 1882 the railroad was extended from Sauk Center to Eagle Bend. Mr. Nutting's father furnished the railroad ties and bridge timber for this extension.

The family remained in Clarissa until 1894 when they returned to Faribault. John stayed in Faribault until the year 1897 when he returned again to Clarissa. Here he worked in his brother's store for a time.

After his marriage to Miss Gertrude Rudbeck in 1901 he was engaged in buying grain for the National Elevator Co., and dealt in farm machinery. About 12 years ago he obtained a position with a Minneapolis Company selling farm machinery to country dealers. This took him over the northern part of Minnesota, and in the year 1923 he moved his family to the Twin Cities.

He is survived by his widow and three grown children, one daughter



and two sons. The daughter is Mrs. Asa Murphy of Browerville, Minn. The older married son, Floyd G. Nutting of Minot, N. D., and the younger son, Frank D. Nutting unmarried and living at home. He is also survived by two brothers and one sister: Harry A. Nutting of Winter, Wis., A. Laurence Nutting, 1006 26th Ave., N. E., Minneapolis and the sister Mrs. Ethel N. Rising of Los Angeles, Cal. Burial was at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis.

**B3-102 RUTH NUTTING (MURPHY)** 9, John 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Ruth Irene Nutting was the eldest child of John Nutting and wife Gertrude Rudbeck (Nutting). Born Dec. 4, 1902 at Clarissa, Minn. Married Asa Murphy of Browerville, Minn.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

**B3-105 Phyllis Jane**, b. Nov. 5, 1922 at Browerville, Minn.

**B3-60 ALBERT LAURENCE NUTTING** 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Albert Laurence Nutting was the tenth child of Frank Nutting and second wife Sarah Jane (Brown) Nutting. Born June 9, 1876 at Faribault, Minn. Married Susan Eloise Laverty of Faribault, Minn.

*Life Story by Himself.*

"ALBERT LAURENCE NUTTING was born in Faribault, June 9, 1876 or rather on a farm just outside the city on the Roberd's Lake road. His parents moved to Clarissa, Todd County, Minnesota in 1881 and resided there until 1894 when they returned to Faribault to live. Most of his elementary education was obtained in the district school at Clarissa. Spent about six months in the schools at Brainerd, Minnesota (winter of 1893-94). Entered the high school in Faribault, Minn., in the fall of 1894. In October 1895, stopped school to teach in the Clarissa school returning to high school at Faribault in the spring of 1896. Engaged to teach near Kenyon, Minn., in the fall of 1896 and on finishing the school term there obtained position in school at Warsaw, Minn. (spring, 1897) and continued there until the summer of 1902 (June). Was married to Susan Eloise Laverty, April 26, 1899. The first child was born in a house built and owned by his father some 30 years previous and in which brother Harry was born in 1871. Had moved to this place from Warsaw for the summer. Moved to Minneapolis, Minn. in June, 1902 in hopes of being able to enter University to fit self for more advanced school work. Could not finance way at U. with dependent family. Entered the service of the Minneapolis Street Railway as motorman in April, 1903 and continued to date mostly in capacity of motorman instructor. Through childhood and youth was known to family and friends as Laurie. Aunt Abbie in giving the names Albert Laurence that the initials might correspond with her own, Abbie L., suggested that the name Laurie be used for short."

Mr. and Mrs. Nutting are active in the work of the Methodist church of Northeast Minneapolis, which they attend and were also largely instrumental in organizing and carrying on the social activities of the Minneapolis Society of Former Faribault Residents.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- B3-106 i Marion Eva, b. Sept. 18, 1900, Faribault, Minn.; m. Dr. James Dale.  
 B3-107 ii Doris Camilla Laverty, b. Sept. 25, 1906, Minneapolis, Minn.; single.

**B3-106** MARION NUTTING (DALE) 9, Laurence 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Marion Eva Nutting was the eldest child of A. Laurence Nutting and wife Susan (Laverty) Nutting. Born Sept. 18, 1900 at Faribault, Minn. Married Dr. James Duncan Dale of Minneapolis, Minn.

Marion Eva Nutting, born in Faribault, Minn., moved with her parents to Minneapolis in 1902. Elementary and high school education was obtained in the Minneapolis public schools. Was graduated from East Side High School, Minneapolis in June, 1918. Entered Hamline University in fall of 1918 and was graduated from that school in June, 1922. In fall of 1922 secured a position as teacher in a high school at Kimball, Minn. In 1923-4 taught in high school at Waterville, Minn., and in Sept. 1924 obtained a position teaching English in the West Higgh School, Minneapolis. Was married to Dr. James Duncan Dale, April 12, 1924, of Minneapolis, where they reside.

## CHILDREN, NONE

**B3-61** ETHEL NUTTING (RISING) 8, Frank 7, Truman 6, John 5. Ethel Norine Nutting was the eleventh child of Frank Nutting and second wife Sarah Jane (Brown) Nutting. Born May 27, 1878 at Faribault, Minn. Married Harry Rising at Faribault, Minn.

Mr. Rising was a printer and editor of a weekly paper in Faribault for a number of years, when they moved to California. They have lived at San Diego, Escondido and Los Angeles.

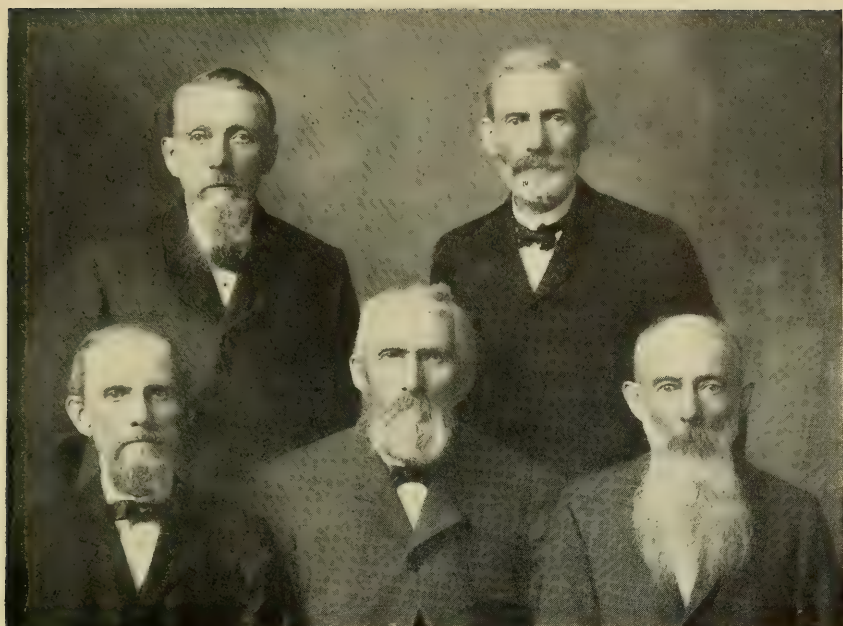
## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- B3-108 i Emily Jane, b. Aug. 12, 1906 at San Diego, Cal.; m. Arden E. Palmer, Dec. 31, 1928 and they live in Los Angeles..  
 B3-109 ii Mary, b. Feb. 15, 1911 at Escondido, Cal.  
 B3-110 iii Virginia, b. May 16, 1913 at Escondido, Cal.

## B3-5

*John Nutting Branch*

**B3-5** JOHN NUTTING 7, Truman 6, John 5. John Nutting was the fifth child of Truman Nutting and first wife Lucinda (Graves) Nutting. Born Aug. 31, 1836 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.; died Oct. 16, 1912 at Mankato, Minn. and buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery at Faribault, Minn. Married first Eliza Ann White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. White of Westfield, Mass, June 10, 1856; married second, Mary Sophronia White, in 1867, sister of first wife; married third, Arabella Beede of New Richland, Minn.



#### FIVE NUTTING BROTHERS—SEVENTH GENERATION

Sons of TRUMAN NUTTING—B3, by first wife, Lucinda  
*Top*, left to right—Warren, Elijah; *Bottom*—Sidney, Frank, John.  
 (There were three more brothers and a sister who survived.)



#### FIVE NUTTING BROTHERS—EIGHTH GENERATION

Sons of FRANK NUTTING—B3-4, by second wife, Jane.  
 Frank, Arthur, Harry, John, Laurence  
 (There were also two sisters who survived.)





## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*First Marriage*

- B3-111 i Ina, b. July 14, 1857, Faribault, Minn.; m. Arthur L. Nutting (cousin). B3-53.  
 B3-112 ii Elizabeth, b. Dec. 15, 1858, Faribault, Minn.; d. April, 1922; unm.

*Third Marriage*

- B3-113 i Mildred, b. Oct. 21, 1883, Janesville, Minn.; d. Sept. 29, 1924; m. F. A. Willsey.  
 B3-114 ii Allie Freedom, b. Oct. 29, 1884, Mankato; d. Dec. 10, 1885.  
 B3-115 iii Herman Wager, b. April 4, 1886, Janesville, Minn.; m. Alida Lindquist.  
 B3-116 iv Percy, b. Oct. 31, 1890, Mankato, Minn.; m. Agnes Wistrom.  
 B3-117 v Charles, b. — 1894, Mankato, Minn.; single. Enlisted in the army of the United States in the War of 1917-18. Served in the 157th Aero Squadron in England and France.  
 B3-118 vi Izma, b. Sept. 14, 1896, Mankato, Minn.; m. John C. Suess.

## LIFE OF JOHN NUTTING

As a youth in old Nuttingville, Mass., he attended school in the old "Red Brick School House," where he received his common school education.

In the summer of 1852 he started westward with his father's family stopping a year and a half at Olean, N. Y. In the spring of 1854 they came on up the Mississippi River stopping a year at St. Anthony, now Minneapolis. Here he hauled the wire and iron from St. Paul to Minneapolis for the First Suspension Bridge across the Mississippi, with the pony team which brought the family from Massachusetts, stopping on the way between St. Paul and Minneapolis to till their fields. He and his brother, Sidney built the first cabin on Nicollet Island in one day's work for a man by the name of Steel. They were offered a quarter section of land for their labors but he replied, "Land, Land, everywhere, what do we want of land?" (see Chapter XVII).

In the spring of 1855 he moved with his people to Faribault, Minn., where his father started the first Hotel and Boarding House. Being of a musical turn of mind and talented at the age of 24, about the year 1860 he joined the Morris Minstrels, touring the east and giving entertainment in all the larger cities. In 1862 he was one of a small army of volunteers who left St. Paul to help quell the Indian uprising.

In the latter part of 1865 he was one of the principal members and organizers of the Eight Nutting Brothers Concert Troupe which traveled for some months over the state of Minnesota. Immediately following this venture he organized The John Nutting Family Concert Troupe consisting besides himself as tenor singer, his two young daughters, Ina nine, and Lizzie seven, soprano and alto respectively and his brother Elijah, bass. In 1868 he organized the Nutting Concert Company, consisting besides himself tenor, his two daughters, Ina and Lizzie, soprano and alto, Dr. C. B. Chamberlain, bass, and his second wife Mary White, organ accompanist. He wrote the greater part of all the music used by these organizations and the most of which was lost or stolen in a hotel in St. Louis. He wrote

the music for a Light Opera called the "Rebellion," and continued in concert work until 1879.

In his early thirties he took up the study of medicine and after passing the State Medical Board, settled in Minnesota as practising physician in 1880, continuing his profession in various places throughout the state among them being: Faribault, Clarissa, Janesville and Mankato at which latter place he was living at the time of his death. (See Chapter XVIII, "Nutting Family Concert Troupes").

### OBITUARY

Faribault Daily News, Oct. 18, 1912.

### FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Dr. Nutting, Brother of Three Faribault Citizens,  
was one of First Settlers Here.

DR. JOHN NUTTING of Mankato, and formerly of this city died last Wednesday at his home. The funeral was held Friday at Mankato after which the body was brought to this city for burial in the Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Dr. Nutting was one of the earliest pioneers in the city. He came west with his father in 1854 and located here. The other members of his family stayed in the town of St. Anthony until the following year, when they also settled here. Dr. Nutting is survived by three brothers living in this city, Frank, Elijah, and Warren Nutting, and another brother, Sidney, living in Elgin, Ill.

### Lived Here 30 Years

Dr. Nutting lived in this city for about 30 years, and was one of its prominent citizens. He was born in South Amherst, Mass. in 1836. Besides his four brothers, he is survived by his wife, four daughters, and three sons. He was well known by all the older residents of Faribault.

**B3-111** INA NUTTING 8, John 7, Truman 6, John 5. Ina Amelia Nutting was the eldest child of John Nutting and first wife Eliza (White) Nutting. Born July 14, 1857 at Faribault, Minn. Married her cousin Arthur L. Nutting of Faribault, Minn.

For her domestic life record, see that of her husband B3-53, Arthur L. Nutting.

Following is a brief outline of her musical career written by herself:

At the early age of nine, 1886, with sister Lizzie, seven, were soprano and alto with the John Nutting concert company. These two sisters visited all the cities of any size in many states, i.e., Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and a few southern states. Among the notable people these children met and sang for during their travels were Ulysses S. Grant, Joseph Cannon, John A. Logan, members of the Louisiana returning board and many others well known in political circles at that time. Ina also wrote many poems, composed music for hymns, solos, and duets of religious character. Up to date none of these writings have ever been published.



Further records of her unusual musical ability and appearances before the public back in the 60's and 70's are given under Chapter XVIII "Nutting Family Concert Troupes," and to her we are indebted for much of the information and material therein contained.

#### TO MY HOME TOWN FARIBAULT

Written by Ina A. Nutting, April 19, 1924.

*Dedicated to the memory of Luke Hulett, Mark Wells, General Levi Nutting, Porter Nutting and Truman Nutting.*

See Chapter XVII.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

Edna, Ina, Florence, Bertrand—See B3-53 Arthur L. Nutting.

**B3-112 ELIZABETH (LIZZIE) NUTTING** 8, John 7, Truman 6, John 5. Elizabeth Lucinda Nutting was the second child of John Nutting and first wife Elizabeth (White) Nutting. Born Dec. 15, 1858 at Faribault, Minn.; died April 14, 1922 at Faribault, Minn., and buried in the Oak Ridge Cemetery, age 63 years.

At the early age of seven years she developed remarkable musical ability as an alto singer and with her older sister Ina, nine years old, was a member of her father's Concert Troupe. (See B3-5 John Nutting, B3-11 Ina Nutting and Chapter XVIII on "Nutting Family Concert Troupes.")

She never married and spent much of her life living alone. At the time of her death she was occupying a small house in the north part of Faribault. Her funeral services were held at the New Methodist Church of the city on the site of the old church which she attended as a girl. Her uncle Elijah Nutting wrote the following:—

"She at one time sang in the choir of this church during the pastorate of Rev. Robert Forbes. Her father John Nutting, sang and played the organ during most of the pastorate of Rev. Rich.

Her mother, Eliza White (Nutting), with James White, Truman Nutting and Mary Nutting, her grandparents, were four of the seven charter members of this church which was organized in the year 1855 in the Truman Nutting Hotel.

**B3-113 MILDRED NUTTING (WILLSEY)** 8, John 7, Truman 6, John 5. Mildred Cynthia Nutting was the eldest child of John Nutting and third wife Arabelle Beede. Born Oct. 21, 1883 at Janesville, Minn.; died Sept. 29, 1924 at Mankato, Minn., age 40 years. Married F. A. Willsey of Janesville, Minn.

They at one time lived in Wisconsin, where Mr. Willsey was employed in a woodworking factory.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Mankato, Minn.*

B3-119 i Ina Pearl, b. Jan. 25, 1902. In employ of Mankato Free Press.

B3-120 ii Gladys Irene, b. Jan. 9, 1909.

**B3-115 HERMAN NUTTING** 8, John 7, Truman 6. John 5. Herman Wager Nutting was the third child of John Nutting and third wife Ara-

belle Beede. Born April 4, 1886 at Janesville, Minn. Married Alida Vitalia Lindquist of Mankato, Minn.

He is a painter and decorator, and has lived in Mankato and Faribault. They are now living in Minneapolis, Minn.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- B3-121 i Dorothy Imogene, b. June 26, 1909, Mankato, Minn.; d. Nov. 24, 1914.  
 B3-122 ii Gerald Warren, b. July 12, 1911, Mankato, Minn.; d. March 8, 1912.  
 B3-123 iii Audrey Lucille, b. Feb. 28, 1913, Mankato, Minn.  
 B3-124 iv Harold Wesley, b. May 10, 1915, Faribault, Minn.  
 B3-125 v Helen Marie, b. June 30, 1917, Faribault, Minn.  
 B3-126 vi John Sidney, b. Oct. 28, 1919, Minneapolis, Minn.; d. June 4, 1920.  
 B3-127 vii Donald Lloyd, b. Jan. 27, 1921, Mankato, Minn.

**B3-116 PERCY NUTTING** 8, John 7, Truman 6, John 5. Percy Logan Nutting was the fourth child of John Nutting and third wife Arabelle Beede. Born Oct. 31, 1890 at Mankato, Minn. Married Agnes Sophia Wistrom of Kasota, Minn. He is a painter and decorator and lives in Mankato, Minn.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Mankato, Minn.*

- B3-128 i Marcella Sophia, b. May 5, 1917.  
 B3-129 ii Robert Clarence, b. Feb. 15, 1920.  
 B3-130 iii Lorraine Marie, b. April 20, 1922.

**B3-118 IZMA NUTTING (SUESS)** 8, John 7, Truman 6, John 5. Izma Dora Nutting was the sixth child of John Nutting and third wife Arabelle Beede. Born Sept. 14, 1896 at Mankato, Minn. Married John C. Suess of North Mankato, Minn.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- B3-131 i Myrtle Lenore, b. Sept. 2, 1915, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 B3-132 ii Wilson Woodrow, b. Nov. 7, 1916, Worthington, Minn.  
 B3-133 iii Blena Belle, b. Feb. 25, 1918, North Mankato, Minn.  
 B3-134 iv Miland John, b. Oct. 10, 1921, North Mankato, Minn.  
 B3-135 v Bruce Elliot, b. May 10, 1923, Mankato, Minn.  
 B3-136 vi Jeanette Florence, b. Sept. 7, 1924, Mankato, Minn.; d. Nov. 1, 1924.

## B3-6

### Sidney Nutting Branch

*Beginning with SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B3-6 SIDNEY NUTTING** 7, Truman 6, John 5. Sidney Smith Nutting was the sixth child of Truman Nutting and first wife Lucinda (Graves) Nutting. Born Aug. 26, 1838 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.; died May 30, 1919 at Elgin, Ill. and buried there, age 80 years. Married first Nancy Conner, June 15, 1863 at the home of Joshua Abel, Cummington,

Mass., daughter of Thomas and Louisa (Jenkins) Conner of Haydenville, Mass. She died May 10, 1891. Married second Etna King, daughter of James and Jane (Johnson) King of Elgin, Ill., March 2, 1893.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

##### *First Marriage—Born in Elgin, Ill.*

B3-137 i Percy Lenwood, b. Feb. 24, 1868; d. March 27, 1891 in Elgin, Ill., unm.; was a talented violinist.

B3-138 ii Carrie Adelle, b. March 12, 1870; m. Dr. Charles Stone.

##### *Second Marriage—Born in Elgin, Ill.*

B3-139 i Howard Clayton, b. March 29, 1895; m. Ruth Hallett.

B3-140 ii Marion Louise, b. Sept. 14, 1897; m. William Graf, Jr.

### **Life of Sidney Nutting**

He spent his boyhood days in Nuttingville with his father and mother, seven brothers and one older sister, and where he went to school in the "Old Red Brick Schoolhouse."

In the year 1852, at the age of 14, he started west with his father and the family stopping at Olean, N. Y., the year 1853 and at St. Anthony Falls, Minnesota, the year 1854, finally landing at Faribault in the spring of 1855. (See Chapter XVII).

His young manhood days were spent in employment about his father's Hotel—the first in Faribault—and later on farms just outside the town. His marriage in 1863 took him to Massachusetts where he and his wife took up residence in Florence and he was employed in one or more of the numerous factories there. His brother Elijah boarded with them for some time and until his marriage in 1867.

The winter of 1865-6 Sidney and Elijah went to Faribault, Minn., as members of the Eight Nutting Brothers Concert Troupe which traveled about the State of Minnesota for some two or three months. (See Chapter XVIII).

About 1867 Sidney and his wife went to Elgin, Ill., where he was employed in the Elgin Watch Works. In 1874 the family consisting of himself, wife and two small children born in Elgin, went back to Florence, Mass., where they lived until 1877. They then returned to Elgin, Ill., where they lived for three years and in the fall of 1881 moved to Grandview, Tenn., where for another three years or more they lived, coming back to old Elgin, Ill. for good in May, 1884.

After that time, Mr. Nutting continued a constant residence in Elgin, a period of some 35 years and until his death in 1919. During his long last residence in Elgin he held an important position in the plant of the Elgin National Watch Co. for a number of years. He was prominent in Civic affairs of the city and devoted much of his spare time in writing articles of public interest for the local press.

He was a man of remarkable musical taste and ability. At an early age he displayed both vocal and instrumental talent, his favorite instruments being the violin and organ—both the reed and pipe organs. During the prime of his musical career he was assisted by his son and daughter of his first family. His son Percy played the violin and his daughter, Carrie was a vocal soloist of considerable note.



In a letter from this daughter, Carrie (Nutting) Stone, and who lives in Belvidere, Ill., she says:—

"I have a number of songs my father composed, both words and music, among them being:—

#### VOCAL

Childhood Home  
California Home  
In Happy Days Gone By  
My Soldier Boy  
Open the Gates  
O What Is Life  
Only a Dream of You  
O Where Is My Soldier Boy Tonight  
Springtime Song  
The Midnight Moon is Beautiful

Father composed a Sacred Song which I think I like the best of all:

Morning Prayer  
also two lovely Cradle Songs:  
Dear Little Girl—Good Night  
This is the Ferry for Shadowtown

#### INSTRUMENTAL

Several compositions for Pipe Organ, Violin, Viola, and Cello."

#### NEWSPAPER ITEM (date unknown)

"MUSIC lovers of Elgin had a rare opportunity Monday evening of listening to a delightful home talent concert, not only as to talent but as to composition, Sidney S. Nutting's music was rendered exclusively throughout the entire evening. It was remarkable for harmony and for the musical effect of his works, in marked contrast to much of the loud noisy compositions of many present day musicians. All the artists rendered the various numbers assigned to them with fine taste and execution."

#### Note W. M. N.

It is interesting to note how the joys, sorrows and vicissitudes of his later life of meditation and reflection must have influenced him greatly in the composing of the various songs as suggested by their titles—when it is remembered that during the last 35 years of his life and residence in Elgin, he had lost his first wife and eldest son by death and by his second wife had a son and daughter grown to adult age—the son being a soldier in the World War. The song, "California Home," was suggested by a pleasure trip he took with his brother, Elijah, to California in 1915. It is stated that "Sidney made a Violin when he was 14 years old and which is now in possession of his second family."

**B3-138 CARRIE NUTTING (STONE)** 8, Sidney 7, Truman 6, John 5. Carrie Adelle Nutting was the second child of Sidney Nutting and first wife Nancy (Conner) Nutting. Born March 12, 1870 in Elgin, Ill. Married Dr. Chas. Stone of Elgin, Ill., June 19, 1894; he died Dec. 8, 1923 in Belvidere, Ill.

Dr. Stone was in active practice for 44 years, 15 years in Elgin, Ill., before his marriage to Miss Nutting; 4 years in Chicago and the rest of the time in Belvidere, Ill. He was in failing health the last two years of his life.

Mrs. Stone is a talented musician in both voice and piano. In years past, she has sung the soprano part in many church choirs and has gained fame as an exceptionally gifted and sweet soloist. In her is manifested to a marked degree the native talent and appreciation for fine music inherited from her father.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B3-141 Elizabeth Louise, b. June 1, 1899 in Belvidere, Ill. She is a professional musician in voice, piano, and organ.

HOWARD NUTTING 8, Sidney 7, Truman 6, John 5. Howard Clayton Nutting was the eldest child of Sidney Nutting and second wife Etna (King) Nutting. Born March 29, 1895 in Elgin, Ill. Married Ruth Hallett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hallett of Elgin, Ill., Feb. 11, 1919.

He lives in Elgin and is engaged with his father-in-law, Mr. Hallett is in the boiler repair and metal working business. He was a soldier in the World War, and a bugler.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B3-142 Dorothy Jane, b. June 8, 1921 in Elgin, Ill.

### World War Record

#### HOWARD C. NUTTING

Enlisted Sept. 4, 1918 at Elgin, Ill. 4,410,032, Private, Company L. Training Bugler, M. G. T. C. Honorable Discharged Jan 11, 1919 from Camp Hancock, Georgia.

MARION NUTTING (GRAF) 8, Sidney 7, Truman 6, John 5. Marion Louise Nutting was the second child of Sidney Nutting and second wife Etna (King) Nutting. Born Sept. 14, 1897 in Elgin, Ill. Married William Graf, Jr., of Elgin, Ill., Sept. 24, 1921.

They live in Elgin and Mr. Graf is engaged in the garage business. Mrs. Sidney Nutting, the mother, lives with them.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Elgin, Ill.*

B3-143 i Duane Nutting, b. May 7, 1923.

B3-144 ii William Douglas, b. July 2, 1928.

## B3-7

### Elijah Nutting Branch

*Beginning with SEVENTH GENERATION*

B3-7 ELIJAH NUTTING 7, Truman 6, John 5. Elijah Graves Nutting was the seventh child of Truman Nutting and first wife Lucinda (Graves) Nutting. Born June 15, 1841 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.; died Nov. 2, 1922 at Faribault, Minn., and buried in the Oak Ridge Cemetery,

age 81 years. Married Nov. 19, 1867 Emorette Ella Pomeroy (twin with sister Mayette), daughter of Joshua and Charlotte (Merriman) Pomeroy of Southampton, Mass.; born March 19, 1849; died April 17, 1911 at Faribault, Minn., and buried in the Oak Ridge Cemetery, age 62 years.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

B3-145 i Walter Merriman, b. Feb. 14, 1874; m. Ida M. Morris.

B3-146 ii Bertha Louisa, b. Oct. 22, 1878; d. April 18, 1880 at Faribault, Minn., and buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

### Principal Dates and Events in the Life of Elijah G. Nutting

As a youth in his father's home at Nuttingville, Mass., on the Old Bay Road, he received most of his common school education at the "Little Red Brick Schoolhouse" where his aunt Emily Nutting used to teach the summer term, while Baxter Bridgman and Cummings Fish taught winter terms.

In the summer of 1852 when he was 11 years old he started west with his father, mother and several of his seven brothers in a prairie schooner drawn by what they called "the pony team," stopping about a year and a half at Olean, N. Y., where they did shingling on wood sheds on the New York Central Railroad for the wood burning locomotives of that time, besides other labors to earn a little money with which to pursue their way farther westward.

In the spring of 1854 they journeyed on up the Mississippi River from Savannah, having the wagon and horses stowed away on the prow of the boat—the boys sleeping in the wagon and the mother and smaller children having accommodations in the cabin. On landing at St. Paul they drove across country to St. Anthony Falls where they took up their abode in a small house on the east bank of the river near where the heating plant of the State University is now.

In the spring of 1855 they moved on down to Faribault in the Cannon River Country, where Mr. Truman Nutting started the first hotel in the new town, variously called the Nutting Hotel, Nutting House, Faribault House. As a young boy about the hotel Elijah was occupied at such jobs as getting wood, waiting on table and blacking boots for the guests, some of whom were none other than Bishop Whipple, Rev. Breck and other dignitaries of the Episcopal Church who came here to make preliminary arrangement for the founding of their schools on the bluffs. Elijah who was around 15 by this time, was entrusted with driving the pony team on regular three day trips to Hastings and back for supplies for the hotel.

About the year 1859 his father sold the hotel and the family moved onto the Dr. Jewett place, three miles southwest of town, where they did farming on this and the Tom Chaffee place south of town a mile, for the next three or four years, when the father built a house in Faribault and moved there.

#### STARTS OUT FOR HIMSELF

MEANTIME Elijah, becoming of age in the year 1862, started out for himself going back to his native state of Massachusetts taking up work in a brush factory in Florence—part of Northampton about 8 miles from his



birthplace—boarding, I believe, with his older brother Sidney, and who starting keeping house in June, 1863.

Being religiously inclined, Elijah became interested in the welfare work among the soldiers in the Civil War which was raging at the time and on Feb. 2, 1865 he received a commission as delegate of the United States Christian Commission for a period of six week's service among the Union soldiers with headquarters at City Point, Va., on the James River, within range of the Rebel gunboats.

On his return to Florence, Mass., March 20, 1865 the ambitions of himself and seven brothers resulted in organizing themselves into a family musical concert troupe, so by the winter of 1865-6 he went to Faribault, Minnesota as a member of the EIGHT NUTTING BROTHERS CONCERT TROUPE which organization traveled for some two or three months giving concerts in various towns and cities of the state. (See Chapter XVIII).

March 21, 1866 he, with his brother John and John's two young daughters, started on another Nutting family concert tour at which occupation he was engaged for several months when he left the organizations and went back to Massachusetts again.

### IS MARRIED

ON Nov. 19, 1867 he was married and began building his home in Florence on High Street while he worked as pattern maker and machine wright with the Florence Sewing Machine Works. This house is still standing in a fine state of preservation. Here also he was very active in church work, being Superintendent of the Sunday School and leader of the choir for several years in the Florence Congregational Church.

The fall of 1879 he moved with his wife and family of two small children to Faribault, Minnesota, where as a young man before his majority he had worked and labored. This first experience of the family with a severe Minnesota winter was the most trying time of their lives, Elijah being in poor health himself, together with sickness and death in the family, very little money and no work. However, through his undaunted courage and perseverance, he soon rose above his discouragements and pursued the fight of life at carpenter work or anything he could get to do.

July, 1883 he, with his brother Warren, moved to Waterville, Minn., where they engaged with John Babcock in the starting of the first furniture factory there under the firm name of NUTTING BROTHERS.

Sept., 1884, he and his brother sold out to Mr. Babcock and moved back to Faribault where Elijah took employment with the Faribault Wind Mill Works, later the F. W. Winter & Co. foundry and machine shop as patternmaker and mechanic at the north end of the buildings still occupied by that concern.

### STARTS IN BUSINESS AT 50 YEARS OF AGE

IN the year 1891, at the suggestion of his friend, Frank B. Beach, supt. of a local furniture factory in Faribault, he became interested in the idea of manufacturing Floor Trucks, primarily for use in furniture and woodwork-ing factories. He perceived in this the possible great opportunity of his life to make the most of his native talent and genius as an inventor and builder and utilize to a fuller advantage the idle machinery and facilities

of his department in the plant of the Winter & Co. who had been considerate enough of him to take him in at a time of dire necessity.

For the next nine years the business grew and prospered in partnership with his son, Walter, and the cooperation of the Messrs. Winter & Co. until the year 1900 when the enterprise had so outgrown its quarters with them that the first unit of the present plant of the Nutting Truck Co. was built in the southwest part of town which constitutes today some dozen or more buildings on seven or eight acres of ground, employs a large force of workmen at Faribault and through its distributing organization scattered throughout the country, many more people in the capacity of sales force. The product includes Floor Trucks and kindred lines of parts and accessories of every kind and description so that the institution is recognized as among the first and foremost in their particular line as specialists in handling equipment to the end of lightening the burdens of humanity who are destined to do much of the manual labor of society.

Nov. 2, 1922 Elijah Nutting died, leaving the business which he had founded and fathered for over 30 years, to be carried on by his son and associates.

During these years of business life and activities in Faribault, Mr. Nutting was, as stated above, a large employer of labor and always solicitous and helpful in their problems of welfare and improvement. He was an active member, Trustee and Deacon of the Congregational Church, a heavy giver to its local support and the program of missions.

In his earlier family life he had been a member of the order of Odd Fellows and was past Consul of the local lodge of Modern Woodmen of America. He had been a director in the Citizen's National Bank of the city for a number of years and until the time of his death.

The following articles and reprinters tell more of his sterling qualities of character, devotion to principle and works of kind beneficence to his Maker and humanity. His best picture taken in middle life is shown in group, (page 172).

### **Letter Written by Elijah G. Nutting**

*To his brother, Warren Nutting in Faribault, Minn., 1875.*

Brother Warren:

Florence, Mass., April 11, 1875.

Your letter should have been answered before this time according to the plan proposed by me to write once a week, but if there is anything in which my best resolution fail, it is in regard to letter writing. Today finds us with the snow nearly gone, and here in Florence the mud is dried up and the walking good, but this place is favored in this respect as it is sandy soil and dries off very quickly. It really seems like spring—the familiar sounds of robins, bluebirds, and the inevitable frog peep which characterize this season of the year have been heard for some time. I suppose that Minnesota can boast of being in advance of New England this spring as I hear that you are planting your gardens there in some boxes. Well, the last remaining patch of snow disappeared from my garden yesterday, April 10th. Yet we expect to be plowing and planting in a very few days as there appears to be very little frost in the ground. Maple

sugar is coming into market in small quantities—sells from 18 to 25 cents per lb. I don't imagine there will be a large quantity made here this season. Mr. Westover has here interrupted me to drink a glass of cider, which is just as good as when it first worked, and almost as thick as molasses, the *r-e-a-l* stuff. So if my thoughts seem somewhat rambling after this, lay it to the cider. The shop is running 9 hours per day now. Our department will run 10 hours by the 1st of May certain, and I think before. They have cut down the wages of a good many hands but haven't disturbed me and I don't think they will. I get the same pay that I have for about 4 years (30 cents per hour). Have never been cut down although they have had a cut every year since I worked for them. But if you know how it is there that they reduce the pay so often, you would understand who it is that suffers at such times. Some are those that are lazy, and won't earn what they get, others (and they are a large number, too) are "piece hands" who get to making \$4 and \$5 per day after working at the same job a good while. But there has been a general reduction of wages throughout all the manufacturing establishments the last year on account of hard times. But I think there is a corresponding reduction in the prices of dry goods, clothing, and many of the groceries. We can buy good flour for \$8 now which is considerable less than it has been years back. Emily and Mary are talking of returning to Faribault soon. Don't know just when. I guess they are a little homesick although they don't say much. Mary is doing well here at work in the silk mill, but could not be persuaded to stay here on any account I suppose. Probably she has some other "way" in mind. She is a good girl and is liked very much by all who have become acquainted with her here. They have been sick there at her grandfather's a good deal this winter, and it has served to make her less contented than she would have been if she had been a little differently situated in a family where there were more young people. We have just had an Old Folks Concert. Sid played his fiddle, and Mary and I sang, had about 5 singers and 25 players. We made things "ring" when we all "sounded." I sang in a double quartette of male voices, otherwise did not make myself conspicuous. Webster Hoyt was married last week to Helen Robinson, daughter of the baby wagon manufacturer of So. Amherst. Hen knows her. We haven't seen any of Lousia's or son's folks for sometime. We are going over to Louisa's as soon as the going is good enough, and agitate the idea of her going to Minnesota with Emily. We think now that she ought to go. Emma has gone to Sid's this afternoon and expects me to come after her so I will close and be off. Walter can walk all around the house now, and tries to talk and sing. Write as soon as you can again.

Your brother, LIGE.

Note—the names mentioned in the letter are in order of occurrence as follows:—

Mr. Westover and wife lived upstairs in Mr. Nutting's house in Florence..

Emily is Emily Nutting daughter of Rev. Ebenezer Nutting of Florence, Mass., and wife of Henry Nutting of Faribault, Minn. She was visiting her father and mother at the time.



Mary was Emily Nutting's daughter and the "some other WAY" referred to, was her young fiancée, Rev. George Way.

Sid was Sidney Nutting, older brother of Elijah living in the same town of Florence, Mass.

Webster Hoyt was son of Louisa (Nutting) Hoyt of Nuttingville, So. Amherst, Mass., older sister of Elijah. (See her letter written about this time p. 155).

Hen refers to Henry Nutting, older brother of Elijah, then living in Faribault, Minn.

Emma was Elijah's wife Emerette.

Walter was the young son of Elijah and Emerette Nutting, your compiler.

### Letter to Elijah G. Nutting

*Written by Rev. E. G. Cobb, former pastor of the Congregational Church of Florence, Mass.*

My Dear Nutting: Northampton, Mass., Feb. 2, 1913.

I was sorry to be snatched from you and other good friends so suddenly after the morning service on the 50th anniversary of our Florence Church a year ago last October, but I could not avoid it. I was not aware that in preparing and giving the historical address I was going beyond my strength but you know "it is the last straw that breaks the camel's back" I remember shaking hands with you and you telling me that you had come fourteen hundred miles (or thereabout) to be there. I trust you felt rewarded and have been well since. It took me a year to recover from that attack (I presume I shall never recover entirely), but I am now in pretty good condition for one born in 1831. I cannot do real hard work, only a little at a time and with moderation. I have found my weak spot and expect some time to fall down and not rise again, but tell my friends they must not be troubled when that time comes for I have lived my life, done my work, and have no fears. I can say truly that I have always meant well and kept at it.

I have a kind, good, sweet wife and a comfortable, pleasant home. I wish everybody had as good. The Florence people are all liking Mr. Prentiss (our new minister), and I feel happy to have the church to which I and others (yourself among them) gave so much of the best of our lives prospering. Martha (Birge) Bardwell and Percy Whitehouse have lately died. It has come to me often of late that I want to write to you, not that I have any special news to tell, but rather a long and warm friendship to declare once more. I have always approved and liked you. I rejoice in all the success of your life and labor. It will be fine to stand with you up yonder and hear the divine voice say, "Well done." When you have time and fell like it write to me, and tell me how you do and prosper. With love, (man fashion) I am your former pastor and long time friend.

E. G. COBB.

### Letter Written to Elijah G. Nutting

*By his old friend and schoolmate back in Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.  
John C. Hammond after the elapse of over 70 years.*

John C. Hammond

Thomas J. Hammond

HAMMOND AND HAMMOND

*Attorneys at Law*

NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

Elijah G. Nutting Esq., Faribault, Minn.

Feb. 3, 1920.

Do you know the name of a South Amherst boy when you see it? So far as I can recollect, I have not seen you since boy days, but your cousin, Mrs. L. L. Campbell tells me that you are alive and well and prospering.

The heading of this letter tells about all the story there is about me, except I have been here in this office fifty years.

My son, now my law partner, has come to be a man in middle life. His law practice was interrupted by almost three years in the army, first on the Mexican Border, and then the first to go overseas, and in all the very active campaigns of the 104th Division. He has now just begun his duties as District Attorney.

My wife passed away twenty four years ago. I have besides my son, three daughters, who are unmarried and live with me and make me a very pleasant home. Drop me a line.

Yours truly

JOHN C. HAMMOND.

Note—Elijah Nutting born 1841; died 1922—age 81.

John Hammond born 1842; died 1926—age 84.

Mr. Hammond was dean of the Northampton Legal Bar.

### Tribute to Elijah G. Nutting

*Written by Howard Bratton, editor, Faribault Daily News and Deacon  
of the Congregational Church, at a church function some  
ten months before the death of Mr. Nutting.*

To have seen the development of a community and a state from the wilderness to advanced civilization, to have had a part in the marvelous transformation which others may only imagine, is to have experiences which are given to but few men. To have the consciousness of having lived a long life of usefulness and of helpfulness, and to reach the sunset of life in health and strength far beyond the natural expectation—that is life in richest measure.

The measure of man's success is not taken with rule or plumbline. It had breadth and depth as well as length. The man who has truly lived has held to four-fold interests—he has been a good business man, a good citizen, a devoted man in the home and a stalwart supporter of the church.

As we meet to plan for the work of this church, it is fitting that there should be recognition of those who have borne the burden and heat of the day. We have come into a rich inheritance, made possible by the labors of those who have been long in the field. It is an occasion for joy that

as we go into the past for inspiration we find one who has pioneered, still active and strong, not only safe for counsel and who has long kept the faith, but who is still abundantly able to fight the good fight.

The life of this good man runs back to the earliest days of our town and our church. What memories he must have of other days. What adventure he has known. What temptation he has overcome, what valiant things he has done for God and country. The story of his life is the history of Faribault, it is the life record of this Congregational Church.

A good business man! How little we comprehend what that means. Christ spoke only of how hard it was for the rich man to enter heaven—He might have said that it is equally difficult to tread the straight and narrow path and gain riches by the way. Many business men are nominal Christians, but comparatively few of us really deserve the title. The man who stands so high in our esteem and whom we hold in so great affection has conducted his business on Christian principles. He has not allowed his business to absorb his mind. The spiritual has not been swallowed up by the material.

For more years than most of us have lived, he has been not merely a faithful but an efficient member of the church. For the greater part of half a century he has been an officer. He has given not merely his advice, which all of us are free to bestow—but his money, and his time, his precious time, in showing his faith by his works.

During all these years he has not only been right of heart but clear of head, has kept the horse in front of the cart, making his church a means and not an end, a place in which to worship his God and a working organization to serve his Master.

We pledge tonight a Godly man who is not sanctimonious, a successful business man without greed, upright but not austere, companionable and kindly, our fellow citizen, fellow Congregationalist, our friend and elder statesman, the man we all delight to honor—Elijah G. Nutting.

### **Obituary**

*Faribault Daily News, Nov. 4, 1922.*

#### **ELIJAH NUTTING PASSES AWAY AT FARIBAULT HOME**

Heart Trouble and Complications Incident to his Advanced Age  
Causes Pioneer's Death, Nov. 2, 1922.

Funeral Services to be Conducted Sunday Afternoon at the  
Congregational Church.

E. G. NUTTING passed on to his reward, Thursday evening, November 2, three minutes after nine at the family residence, 18 N. W. Third Ave., of heart trouble and other complications incident to his advanced age.

He had been in failing health for the past two years, but was only confined to the house during the last two months.

Elijah Graves Nutting was born in South Amherst, Mass., June 15, 1841. He came west with his parents in the spring of 1854, stopping at St. Anthony, now Minneapolis, where the family remained one year and in the spring of 1855 moved to Faribault where Mr. Nutting has resided most



of his life since that time, except for a return east of 12 years, when he lived in Florence, Mass., and a year in Waterville, Minn.

Mr. Nutting was married to Emorette Ella Pomeroy of Southampton, Mass., November 19, 1867 whom he survived by eleven and one half years she having died in Faribault in the spring of 1911. Two children were born to them; the son, Walter M., who survives and a daughter, Bertha, who died in infancy.

Mr. Nutting was the last of his father's first family of sturdy New Englanders, consisting of 8 sons and 2 daughters. He is survived by an only half sister, Mrs. Kate Norris, of Chico, Cal.; by his father's second wife; and two step-sisters, Mrs. R. H. L. Jewett and Eva Nutting of Corning, Cal.

He was an inventor and pattern maker by trade and was employed in those capacities by the Florence Sewing Machine Co., during his 12 years residence in the East. Some years after returning to Faribault and in the fall of 1891 he, with his son Walter, founded the business of the Nutting Truck Co., which is one of the substantial industries of the city, the products of which are known and used throughout the length and breadth of the country. He was also president of the Humphrey Elevator Co., the business of which is conducted in the truck factory. He was a director in the Citizens National Bank of Faribault at the time of his death.

Mr. Nutting was one of the oldest members of the Congregation church and was one of its most staunch workers and supporters. He was actively interested in Church work and was wedded to the program of Christianity. The church gave to him the highest honors in her power and at the time of his death he was not only senior deacon of the church but an honorary life member of the board of trustees. He was an example to the present generation and his influence was so marked that the members of the church cannot but be more devoted to the cause of Christ and loyal to their Creator.

Funeral services will be at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon from the Congregational Church; his minister, the Rev. Dr. G. P. Sheridan, officiating assisted by the church choir.

The body will lie in state at the church one hour preceding the hour of service; burial will be made in the Oak Ridge cemetery.

The officers for the funeral will be as follows:

Honorary Pallbearers: Dr. J. N. Tate, Frank Beach, Judge T. S. Buckingham, K. D. Chase, M. T. Gunderson, T. J. McCarthy.

Active Pallbearers—H. P. Leach, Frank Klemer, F. R. Huxley, Geo. Hoban, H. F. Orne, F. M. Pierce.

Ushers: Wm. Wachlin, Dr. J. Y. Ernst, J. H. Lewis, E. L. Frink.

The factory employees will attend in a body.

### **Eulogy to Elijah G. Nutting**

*In Faribault Daily News, Nov. 4, 1922, entitled*

**"A RIGHTEOUS MAN."**

No man can reach perfection in this world of evil, but now and then there lives one so clean, so pure and so just that it would be difficult to find wherein he had failed to come up to all the requirements of the moral law.

Elijah G. Nutting was such a man. Quiet unostentatious, claiming naught of superiority over his fellow man. There was a spiritual quality about him that caused all who knew him to regard him with a reverent affection.

It is seldom that a man who achieves conspicuous material success so lives that it is his innate goodness which stands out as his most notable quality. Mr. Nutting was a successful business man, an inventor and manufacturer, a director of a bank, a man of far reaching vision, a builder and a tower of strength to his community. Yet in all his business dealings one never heard even a whisper of criticism or hint of wrong. Many men whose intent is true, fail because they lack strength and wisdom. Others use powerful will and great mentality to seize unfair advantage for themselves. Mr. Nutting was a man who used great natural abilities to render service through his business and to deal with every man as he would be dealt by.

In business, in the community, in the church, his passing leaves a void. No other man can fill his place. There are few men like him. It is a matter for thankfulness that he was spared for 81 years to live among us and inspire us to better things.

### **Newspaper Articles**

Printed in the *Faribault Daily News*, Nov. 25, 1922.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH RECEIVES \$5,000 BEQUEST**

Gift is Made by the Late Elijah G. Nutting, for  
Half Century a Member of the Church.

At a meeting of the men of the Congregational church last evening, announcement was made of a bequest to the church of \$5,000 by the late Elijah G. Nutting, who for more than half a century has been a member of the church.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. G. P. Sheridan, pastor of the church, and came in the form of a letter from Walter M. Nutting. It was stated that securities to this amount had been turned over to the pastor and to Frank H. Klemer, treasurer of the church, to be held in trust by the trustees of the church and that it was given unconditionally save that it is to be used for a permanent improvement of the church equipment.

Walter M. Nutting later stated that his father had been much interested in the construction of a parish house or community house, to be used in connection with the church property, and he very earnestly advocated the erection of such a building. He also stated his belief that business conditions are now as favorable as they may be expected for several years and that in his opinion, the time is ripe for such an enterprise.

This is a plan which has been forming in the minds of many members of the church for several years, and it was stated by Dr. Sheridan that he believed the time propitious for the appointment of a committee to make a survey of the situation and to make a recommendation to the church for action. It was stated that it was the belief of many that the property west of the present church site be utilized for some such purpose and that much encouragement had been given the project. He named H. P. Leach, a member of the board of trustees. George Hoban, prominent in the Sunday

School and Mrs. F. R. Huxley, a leader in the work of the women of the congregation to work in conjunction with the pastor in working out a definite plan. Dr. Sheridan also appointed a committee to prepare an appropriate resolution in acknowledgement of Mr. Nutting's bequest, to report at the Congregational meeting to be held in January, this committee to consist of Frank Beach, Dr. J. N. Tate and Dr. F. R. Huxley.

NOTE—From this bequest of Mr. Nutting as a nucleus, there has since been erected at a cost of \$50,000 The Congregational Church Parish House in Faribault, and dedicated Dec. 19, 1926.

*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."*—REV. 14-13.

### Obituary Notice

On the Death of Mrs. Elijah G. Nutting.

*Faribault Daily News*, April 18, 1911.

Mrs. Elijah G. Nutting died at St. Lucas Hospital at 9 o'clock on Monday morning last, April 17, 1911, following an operation.

EMORETTE E. POMEROY was born in Southamton, Mass., March 19, 1849, her parents being Joshua and Charlotte Pomeroy, who were of sturdy New England descent. She was married to Elijah G. Nutting, Nov. 19, 1867. She resided with her husband in Florence, Mass., a suburb of Northampton, till 1879, when they came to Faribault, which has since been their continuous residence. Two children were born to them: Walter Merriman and Bertha Louisa, the latter of whom died in early childhood. Deceased is survived by her husband, son and three sisters, viz: Mrs. Eliza Hannum, of East Hampton, Mrs. Cassie Goodell, Greenfield; Mrs. Marietta Rice, North Adams, all of Massachusetts.

Mrs. Nutting was one of the most zealous and active members of the Congregational Church, especially interested in its missionary and benevolent work. Quiet and retiring by nature, she was one of the doers, wherever good deeds were needed. In the social gatherings of the Pioneers she was a very constant attendant with her husband and her absence will be mourned. The sympathies of many friends will go out to the bereaved family.

### MEMORIAL WINDOW

EASTER morning, April 16, 1911, found in place a very important addition to the gifts the Mary E. Leavens room of the Congregational church has received. In the south wall is a beautiful window given by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Nutting as a memorial to a little daughter, Bertha Louisa. The window is from Forman, Ford and Co., of Minneapolis, and it was designed by L. S. Remington. The appropriate subject is that of "Christ Blessing Little Children," and in coloring the window is extremely beautiful, while it is rich and glowing, it harmonizes perfectly with the low toned brown room, to which it adds a sumptuous touch.

Note—Since the death of Mrs. Nutting (the day following the dedication of the Memorial window described above), a large memorial picture of "Christ Preaching from the Boat," and a settee have been presented to the Ladies Room of the church by her family.



**B3-145** WALTER NUTTING 8, Elijah 7, Truman 6, John 5. Walter Merriman Nutting was the eldest child of Elijah Graves Nutting and Emorette Ella (Pomeroy) Nutting. Born Feb. 14, 1874 in Florence, Northampton, Mass. Married March 2, 1899, Ida May Morris, daughter of John Morris and wife Elizabeth (Winburn) Morris of Walcott, Minn., formerly of Wolfe Island, Ont., Canada, born there March 5, 1877.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Faribault, Minn.*

B3-147 i Ada Adelle, b. Nov. 2, 1904. A graduate of Carleton College and a vocalist.

B3-148 ii Ruth Merriman, b. Feb. 22, 1908. A Senior at Carleton College and a violinist.

Walter Nutting, being the only surviving child of his parents and later in life the business associate of his father, their lives were closely interwoven from his birth to the very moment of his father's death, covering a period of over 48 years, with comparatively few exceptions both always sleeping in the same house and eating at the same table.

Born in the house his father built in Florence, Mass., Walter was going on 6 years old in the fall of 1879 when the family consisting of his father, mother, infant sister and himself moved to Faribault, Minn., where by this time there was quite a colony of Nuttings, all of whom had originally come from Nuttingville, Mass., or were their descendants.

The sister died the next spring and the remaining three continued to live in Faribault, with the exception of about a year in Waterville, Minn., in 1883-4, until the death of the mother in 1911 and the father in 1922.

For nearly 35 years, including the earlier married life of Mr. Nutting, the families of father and son lived together in the old family homestead at 1201 West Division Street, adjoining the premises of the Nutting Truck business.

Mr. Nutting, now the only surviving member of his father's family lives with his own family of three, in a new home he built 10 years ago at 18 N. W. Third Ave. He received his education in the public schools of the city and graduated from the Faribault High School in the class of 1892. He immediately became associated with his father in the business of the Nutting Truck Co., just starting, which they conducted as a partnership until the death of Mr. Nutting, Senior. Since then the business has been Incorporated with Mr. W. M. Nutting as President and Gen. Manager. He is also Pres. and Gen. Mgr. of the Humphrey Elevator Co. a subsidiary of the Nutting Truck Co.

Mr. Nutting is a member and trustee of the Congregational Church of the city. As a child back in the 80's, under the pastorate of Rev. Edmund Gale, he attended the primary department of the Sunday School taught by the minister's wife, Mrs. Ruby Gale. In later years he was elected treasurer of the Sunday School which office he held for 25 years and in recognition of which service he was honored with a banquet and presented with a set of onyx inkwells. Along in the middle 90's he and



WALTER MERRIMAN NUTTING—*Eighth Generation*

W. H. R. 11





his wife, to be, sang in the church double quartette choir for 3 years consecutively.

In the early days of the good roads movement he was chairman of the Good Roads Committee of the Rice County Automobile Club. In the year 1922 he was president of the Faribault City Park Board and was instrumental in locating and developing the Waupakuta Tourist Park. He has served as Director of the Faribault Chamber of Commerce at various times and was a member of the Faribault Rotary Club for several years.

He succeeded his father as director in the Citizen's National Bank which position he now holds. He is a member of all the Faribault Lodges of Masonary including Faribault Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar and is a member of Osman Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, St. Paul, Minn.

Among the benefactions of Mr. and Mrs. Nutting to date are: a substantial contribution to the Congregational Church Parish House Fund started by his father; The Nutting Memorial Drive and Bridges on the campus of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.; and The Abbie L. Nutting Memorial Musical Award Fund of the Faribault Public School.

In the year 1923 Mr. Nutting took on the task of compiling a genealogy of the descendants of John Nutting of South Amherst, Mass., and after over 5 years, besides carrying on his own business and other activities, this book is the result, thanks to the hearty co-operation of interested kinsfolks in all the various branches of the Family Tree.

During this time Mr. Nutting co-operated with Mr. Homer W. Brainard of Hartford, Conn., whose wife is one of the kinspeople, in the publication, 1927, of a 52-page book of Nutting Genealogy covering the first five generations of Nuttings in America—descendants of John Nutting of Groton, Mass.

## B3-8

### Warren Nutting Branch

**B3-8** WARREN NUTTING 7, Truman 6, John 5. Warren Nutting was the eighth child of Truman Nutting and first wife Lucinda (Graves) Nutting. Born Nov. 21, 1844 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.; died Dec. 6, 1919 at Faribault and buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, age 75 years. Married Mary Kerr of Iowa. She died Jan. — 1912 and buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

B3-149 One child, b. ———; d. ——— in infancy.

### Obituary of Warren Nutting

*Written by his brother, Elijah G. Nutting.*

WARREN NUTTING died Saturday evening Dec. 6, 1919 at the home of his niece Mrs. Jennie Willard on 2nd St., at the age of 75 years and was buried from his late residence 1138 West Division St., interment being made in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Mr. Nutting was born in South Amherst, Mass., Nov. 21, 1844; came to St. Anthony (now East Minneapolis), Minn., in May, 1854 lived there until March, 1855 when he came to Faribault with his father Truman Nut-

ting who built the first hotel in Faribault on the N.E. corner of Central Ave and 3rd St. He remained at home until of age when he learned the carpenters and builders trade at which he was very efficient being employed by John Babcock as superintendent of construction on the main building of the State School for the Deaf in 1878. For many years he followed the building business and erected a large number of houses in Faribault including his own at the corner of Division and Lincoln Sts., where he has lived almost continuously for the past 40 years. During that time he has served the city in the capacity of Alderman from the 3rd ward and City Street Commissioner

His life dates back over practically the entire history of Faribault when there was nothing here but a few log cabins and Mr. Alexander's house which was the first frame building built in town and is still standing on the rise of ground above the Great Western depot. As for population there were more Indians than white men and much of the business of the community was done in the trading of the white man's wares for the skins and furs of the Indians.

He was always interested in the development of the city, assisting in the building of schoolhouses, churches, good roads, etc. He was a pupil in the first Public School in Faribault taught by Eliza White in a log building near the Old Stone mill in the south part of town. For many years he was connected with the Baptist Church and was one of its most active and supporting members. He had a keen sense of justice and fair dealing with his fellowmen and his naturally jovial disposition together with his remarkable memory made him an entertaining story teller and encyclopedia for facts and figures concerning the early days of the city.

He married Miss Mary Kerr who died 8 years ago leaving no children. He had been in failing health for several years and whereas his death was sudden at the last it was not altogether unexpected. He is survived by one of 8 brothers, Mr. Elijah G. Nutting of this city, a half sister, Mrs. Kate Norris, Chico, Cal, and two step sisters, Mrs. R. H. L. Jewett and Miss Eva Nutting, both of Corning, Cal.

Back in the 60's he was a member of the Eight Nutting Brothers Concert Troupe and being possessed of a fine tenor voice was an important part of that musical organization. His keen wit and jovial disposition made him in demand for an end man in Negro minstrels as well as for renditions of more solemn musical productions in which he also excelled. (See Chapter XVIII on "Nutting Family Concert Troupes.")

## B3-9

### Truman Nutting Branch

*Beginning with*

SEVENTH GENERATION

**B3-9** TRUMAN NUTTING 7, Truman 6, John 5. Truman Levi Nutting was the ninth child of Truman Nutting and first wife Lucinda (Graves) Nutting. Born Jan. 1, 1847 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.; died Jan. 11, 1902 at Faribault, Minn., and buried in Maple Lawn Cemetery,

age 55 years. Married Jennie Weaver of Faribault, Minn. She died Nov. 6, 1912.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

B3-150 Bessie Luella, b. July 7, 1880 at Faribault, Minn.; m. Herbert B. Kingston.

He came to Faribault with his parents in 1855. Lived there until 1898, following carpentering and broom-making, when he with his wife and daughter moved to Waterville, Minn. After a few years of clerkship in a store there they moved back to Faribault where he was employed in the grocery store of H. A. Nutting & Co., until a short time before his death.

He had a fine tenor voice and played the organ. Was active in the Baptist Church Choir and in the old days of the 60's was a member of the Eight Nutting Brothers Concert Troupe. (See Chapter XVIII, "Nutting Family Concert Troupes.")

After Mr. Nutting's death Mrs. Nutting went to Cleveland, Ohio, to live with her daughter where after a few years she died and was brought to Faribault for interment in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Following are lines written by his half sister Mrs. Emma (Nutting) Case entitled:

#### "IN MEMORIAM"

*Oh, brother mine; they tell me thou are dead—  
Thou'st only moved from tenement of clay.*

*And in its stead,  
Now dwellest in mansions bright*

*As fairest day  
While here, thy spirit dwelt in house so pale,  
It could not well with-stand the storms of life,  
And so the gale  
Beat merciless on thee. But now*

*No mortal strife  
Disturbs thee more: No discord jars the ear  
Attuned to sweetest harmony; at last*

*No care, no fear,  
But safe with friends and loved ones dear  
Where all is peace.*

*Oh, brother dear: we wonder if you know  
How much we miss thee here, with sorrows strain  
Our eyes o'erflow.*

*And yet, we would not call thee back  
To bear thy pain.*

Palo Alto, Calif.  
Feb. 5, 1902

EMMA A. CASE.

**B3-150** BESSIE NUTTING 8, Truman 7, Truman 6, John 5. Bessie Luella Nutting was the only child of Truman L. Nutting and wife Jennie (Weaver) Nutting. Born July 7, 1880 at Faribault, Minn. Married Herbert B. Kingston of St. Paul, Minn.



They live in Lakewood, Cleveland, Ohio, where Mr. Kingston is in the wholesale candy business. Mrs. Kingston as a child and young lady in Faribault received her education in the public schools of the city. She was always energetic and a lover of out of door sports. In recent years she has gained recognition as an expert tennis player.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- B3-151 i Muriel Louise, b. Sept. 20, 1907 in St. Paul, Minn.  
 B3-152 ii Lawrence Nutting, b. May 6, 1918 in Lakewood, Ohio.  
 B3-153 iii Janet Elizabeth, b. April 18, 1924 in Lakewood, Ohio.

### B3-11

#### Emma Case Branch

*Beginning with*

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

**B3-11 EMILY NUTTING (CASE)** 7, Truman 6, John 5. Emily (Emma) Alice Nutting was the eldest child of Truman Nutting and second wife Mary (Spencer) Nutting. Born Feb. 17, 1856 in Faribault, Minn.; died Dec. 19, 1911 at Corning, Cal., and buried there, age 55 years. Married Dr. Elias P Case of Waterville, Minn., who survives her.

She was the second white child born in Faribault, grew to womanhood there and received her education in the public schools of the town. After her marriage in the late seventies she went with her husband to live in Waterville, Minn., where Dr. Case was a prominent physician of the community. In the early 90's they ran the Dr. Case Sanitarium on the north shore of the Waterville Lakes.

About the year 1905 the family moved to Corning, California where Dr. Case followed his profession and carried on a real estate business for the next half dozen years and until the death of Mrs. Case. After that the family moved to Oakland, Cal. where they now reside.

Mrs. Case was a woman of brilliant intellect and noble Christian virtues and to her memory her husband dedicated a collection of choice books of literature which are housed in the Public Library at Corning, Cal.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born in Waterville, Minn.*

- B3-154 i Mason Nutting, b. July 28, 1880; m. Maude Lunsford.  
 B3-155 ii Schuyler, b. July 13, 1884; d. Dec. — 1886.  
 B3-156 iii Alexander Truman, b. Feb. 2, 1887; m. Mary Blair.  
 B3-157 iv Abbie Alice, b. Oct. 9, 1890; m. William Case.

**B3-154 MASON CASE** 8, Emily Nutting (Case) 7, Truman 6, John 5. Mason Nutting Case was the eldest child of Emily (Emma) (Nutting) and Dr. Elias P. Case. Born July 28, 1880 at Waterville, Minn. Married Maude Lunsford of Yuba City, California.

As a youth in Waterville he received his common school education in the public schools of the town. He later graduated from the University of Minnesota and for the last several years has been in the real estate business in Los Angeles, Cal., where the family now resides.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B3-158 Mason Nutting, Jr., b. Feb. 7, 1917 in San Francisco, Cal.

**B3-156 ALEXANDER (ALEX) CASE** 8, Emily Nutting (Case) 7, Truman 6, John 5. Alexander (Alex) Truman Case was the third child of Emily (Nutting) Case and husband Dr. Elias P. Case of Waterville, Minn. Born Feb. 2, 1887 at Waterville, Minn. Married Mary Louella Blair of Gridley, California.

As a child in Waterville he went to the public schools of the town finishing his common school education in the Public School of Corning, Cal., where his parents moved about the year 1905. He later attended the Stanford University at Palo Alto, Cal., from which institution he graduated.

He and his wife and young daughter now live in Oakland, Cal., and Mr. Case has a position with a large stationery house in San Francisco.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B3-159 Sylvia Jane, b. July 1, 1916 at Corning, Cal.

**B3-157 ABBIE CASE** 8, Emily Nutting (Case) 7, Truman 6, John 5. Abbie Alice Case was the fourth and youngest child of Emily (Nutting) Case and husband Dr. Elias P. Case. Born at Waterville, Minn., Oct. 9, 1890. Married William Albert Case (no relation) of Oakland, Cal.

Mr. Case is engaged in the retail automobile oil business in Oakland and where the family resides. Dr. E. P. Case lives with them.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B3-160 Emily Alice, b. July 9, 1916 at Corning, Cal.

## B3-12

### Abbie Powers Branch

**B3-12 ABBIE NUTTING (POWERS)** 7, Truman 6, John 5. Abbie Lutheria Nutting was the second child of Truman Nutting and second wife Mary Spencer Nutting. Born July 17, 1858 at Faribault, Minn.; died July 23, 1902 in St. Paul and buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Faribault, Minn., age 44 years. Married Dr. William A. Powers (dentist) of St. Paul, Minn., who survived her. He died some years later and is buried beside her.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born in St. Paul, Minn.*

B3-161 Helen, b. 1901 (?); d. in infancy and buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Faribault, Minn.

*The life story of ABBIE NUTTING (POWERS) from information furnished by her younger sister Katie Nutting (Norris) of Chico, Cal., is as follows:—*

As a child and young lady in Faribault, she was educated in the public schools of the town and at the age of 16 in the spring of 1874 she began teaching school. Her first school was in the country southwest of Faribault in the Nicols Neighborhood. In the fall of the same year she was engaged by the Faribault School Board. She taught continuously for 16 years, in various grades and school buildings of the city, her last and principal subjects being mathematics and geometry in the then new High School (now Central Grade School, 5th Street and Third Avenue). Earlier she taught in the old Main Street School, corner Central Ave., and Division St., and the old three-story Stone Grade and High School which stood on the site of the present high school.

In the year 1890 as a result of impaired health she resigned her position with the Faribault Public Schools and about a year later she removed to St. Paul and took up employment in an office. In the year 1893 she married Dr. William A. Powers, dentist of St. Paul, and they were living in Merriam Park, St. Paul at the time of her death, July 23, 1902. She left a little daughter a few months old who died a year later.

Intimate friends and citizens generally of her time in Faribault said of her, "She was one of the most capable and efficient instructors that Faribault ever had. She was a woman of remarkable strength of character and influence for good over all with whom she came in contact. Her discipline in the school room was nigh unto perfect and she maintained it through command of love and respect of her scholars."

One incident in her earlier life will serve to show her strength of mind and determination through life to master anything that she undertook. "There was no such word as "failure" with her. There was to be a spelling match in Faribault in the Town Hall and a prize was offered for the winner. Abbie said she was going into the contest to WIN. So she set about it to study the dictionary from cover to cover and as a reward for her perseverance she did win the prize." She was a devout member and worker in the Methodist Church of Faribault and later of the Park Congregational Church of St. Paul.

#### TRIBUTE BY YOUR COMPILER

She was a favorite aunt of mine, and I have fond recollections of her back as long ago as I can remember. I went to school to her in Junior



High as did others of us cousins, Fred Nutting, Charles and Edward Jewett. We can all testify as to her high and noble womanly qualities. She was not only a remarkably brilliant and efficient instructor, but she exerted a wonderful influence for good in the shaping of character in her pupils and all with whom she came in contact.

In the year 1926 there was created what is known as the "Abbie L. Nutting Musical Award," for the Faribault High School students. Abbie Nutting was not a musician herself, but she had a fine taste for both instrumental and vocal music inherited from her musical ancestry, and so it was the wish of the donors of the memorial that it go as a Musical Award.

The Faribault Daily News of March 30, 1926 prints the following:—

#### MUSIC AWARD GIVEN TO FARIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL

Best Music Student to be Awarded Abbie L. Nutting Music Prize  
at Commencement Time.

To be Awarded Abbie L. Nutting Music Prize at Commencement Time.

EVEN greater excellence in music than has been known in the past may be expected of Faribault High School students in the future. Study of music has been greatly stimulated at the school by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nutting who have given a fund to the institution that has made possible an annual music award. It is to be known as the Abbie L. Nutting Musical Award and will be presented annually, at commencement time, to the most proficient music student.

Provision is also made for its diversion as a reward of merit in any other required subject at the discretion of the school authorities. The gift was made as a memorial to the noble life, deeds, and lasting influence of Miss Nutting during the many years she made it her home in the community and for 16 years was a capable and devout teacher in the Faribault Public Schools.

## B3-13

### *Katie Whipple Norris*

**B3-13** KATIE NUTTING (WHIPPLE-NORRIS) 7, Truman 6, John 5. Katherine Spencer Nutting was the third child of Truman Nutting and second wife Mary (Spencer) Nutting. Born July 1, 1860 Jewett Valley, Faribault, Minn. Married first William Whipple of Faribault, Minn.; married second Edward Norris, Chico, California.

She was born on the old Dr. Jewett place 3 miles southeast of Faribault. At the age of 3 years the family moved to town into the new house which her father had just built on the corner of what was then called Front Street and Prairie Avenue. Her childhood and young womanhood days were

spent in Faribault living in this same house and she received her education in the public schools of the town. She was also a devout member and worker in the Methodist Church.

In 1899 she married William Whipple and they continued to live for a while in Faribault where he was engaged in the painting and paper hanging business. In 1907 they moved to Los Angeles, California where Mr. Whipple died the next year, 1908.

One and a half years later she moved to Corning, Cal., where she lived until 1911 when she married her second husband Edward Norris a widower having several grown children. They lived in Chico, Cal., where Mr. Norris died June 20, 1925. Mrs. Norris continues her residence in Chico. She is the last one, still living, of the Truman Nutting line of the seventh generation.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

*Mrs. Norris offers a little item about her mother Mary (Spencer) Nutting. She says:—*

"This incident which happened in the early days of Faribault was written by a Rev. Mr. White a minister who used to preach in Faribault. It shows mother's life and character and her hold on God. The different denominations were holding revival meetings and I will now quote from Rev. White's letter:—

"The meetings were extremely formal and cold and so they were holding prayer meetings in the afternoons. That day the meeting was held in the Hall the Baptists used. It was over where Court was being held and a trial was going on in the room below. At the first opportunity Sister Nutting prayed. She had a clear strong voice and she talked to the Lord as one with whom she had a personal acquaintance. Just then one lawyer asked a witness a question to which his opponent objected, but another voice is heard, fervent and devout. It is the bursting forth of the pent-up emotions of a soul burdened for the salvation of her neighbors, and the building up of the Church. The room below was neither ceiled nor plastered so only the floor obstructed the sound.

Her voice clear and strong, with the added volume and force of fervid utterance, made her words come to those in the room below, as a voice from the upper regions. All were intent listeners amid the utmost silence and moisture in the eyes of more than one told of the awakening of the memories of other years, and even justice, the proceedings of whose court was so strangely interrupted, seemed strangely moved. The prayer ended, the voice ceased, but the silence continued; men looked at each other as if slow to apprehend their surroundings, slow to come back from the Audience Chamber of Diety, to the sordid strife and the wrangling of the court must

be resumed; but the first lawyer had forgotten his question and the second lawyer his objection. So intense had been the interest in this little episode, that they were unable to pick up the thread of business where they had dropped it, and were under the necessity of going back and beginning anew."

Chico, Cal., April 27, 1925.

My Dear Nephew Walter:—

I have another item of interest that you may like to use. I have in my possession, an heirloom which is nearly 250 years old that was handed down to father. It must have been in the Nutting family as far back as his grandfather, I would judge from the age of it; but you can tell which generation it probably came from.

You may remember the old fire shovel we had in the old home in Faribault. Father gave it to me and said it was then over 200 years old and father has been gone over 33 years now, so it must be well onto 250 years old by now, and I prize it as an heirloom, for its great age. The handle is not as long as it was originally, as father had it made shorter so as to pack it when they moved to Minnesota from the east. The handle up to the ring at the top is now 22½ inches in length. It probably was originally about five feet long and was then used for taking pies and other things out of the brick ovens they used to have out-of-doors when father was young.

I also have the chopping knife father made when he first commenced to keep house and I prize them both.

AUNT KATE NORRIS.

*Note by W.M. N.—Grandfather Truman Nutting was of the sixth generation and died in 1891. Two hundred years back from that would be 1691. This date in the line of ancestry by Rev. John K. Nutting would take it back to Ebenezer the third son of John Nutting of Groton the founder, whereas according to the authority of Homer W. Brainard, it would line up with Jonathan the fourth son of John the founder. In Aug., 1691 this man was married and lived at Rumney March, now Chelsea, Mass. These two men were both of the second generation which would make either one of them great-grandfather to Truman.*

*I for one, cannot see how we can consistently have any heirlooms of our branch of the family going back of our Revolutionary War ancestor, John Nutting of South Amherst who was of the fifth generation*



from John Nutting the Founder (of Groton) and own father of Truman Nutting. The reason for so thinking is the fact that John of South Amherst was taken from his parental home on horseback under rather unusual circumstances "to find a home with the Lymans in Northampton," at the age of only four years which was about the year 1766. It is hardly probable that he was in possession of any such piece of household equipment until he had at least begun to keep house for himself, which was about the time he built his home at Nuttingville on the Old Bay Road in the year 1787 which would be 104 years before the death of Truman Nutting or about 140 years from the time of this publication.

It is possible, of course, that the old drawing blade or fire shovel might have come into the possession of our John Nutting of So. Amherst from some other family than his own relation, thus reasonably attaching to it its great age.

## Chapter IX



B4

*Lucretia Boynton Line*

47 DESCENDANTS



LUCRETIA NUTTING (BOYNTON)

1809 - 1865

SIXTH GENERATION

FOURTH OFFSPRING

*of*

JOHN NUTTING OF SOUTH AMHERST

*AND SECOND WIFE*

CATHERINE (SMITH) NUTTING





## CHAPTER IX

### B4

#### Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) Line

*Beginnig with SIXTH GENERATION*

**B4 LUCRETIA NUTTING (BOYNTON)** 6, John 5. Lucretia Nutting was the fourth child of John Nutting and second wife Catherine (Smith) Nutting. Born March 11, 1809 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.; died Nov. 15, 1865 at Northampton, Mass., age 56 years. Married Benjamin Boynton, Jr., of Shutesbury, Mass., son of Benjamin and wife Beliah Boynton, April 16, 1835, by the Rev. Nathan Perkins, Jr., at Amherst, Mass. He was born Sept. 30, 1812; died Oct. 5, 1864, age 52 years. (Date of publishment of intention to marry, Shutesbury, Feb. 28, 1835).

The Boynton family lived on a farm at Shutesbury, Mass until as late as 1845. They moved to Northampton where they continued to live for going on 20 years and where the deaths of both Mr. and Mrs. Boynton occurred a little over a year apart.

There is an old deed dated at Shutesbury, April 27, 1844 wherein Benjamin Boynton and wife deed 80 acres of land to Benjamin Boynton, Jr., Caleb Carver is one of the witnesses and his wife was sister, Esther (Nutting) Carver of Lucretia (Nutting) Boynton. Thus the families of the two Nutting sisters at Shutesbury made up quite a colony of Nutting blood in that back hill farming country for a generation or more. It has been many years since there was any representative left of either of these families in that part of Massachusetts which is only a few miles north and east of old Nuttingville.

The old cemetery, a little ways out from the once thriving little community of houses, church and store, contains the graves of a number of the kinsfolks.

#### CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION

- B4-1 i Sarah Bathsheba, b. ——— 1837 at Shutesbury; d. March 28, 1863; single.
- B4-2 ii Jane E., b. Jan. 14, 1839 at Shutesbury; d. May 26, 1903; m. (1) Samuel Aldrich; (2) Alvah Corey.
- B4-3 iii George Francis, b. Aug. 25, 1840 at Shutesbury; d. Feb. 26, 1917; m. (1) Sarah (Partridge) Hillman; (2) Mary E. Graves.
- B4-4 iv Margaret, b. ——— 1841 at Shutesbury; d. ———; m. Levi Pond.
- B4-5 v Henry (twin), b. ——— 1842 at Shutesbury; d. June 10, 1864; single.
- B4-6 vi Henrietta (twin), b. ——— 1842 at Shutesbury; d. Nov. 21, 1865; single.
- B4-7 vii Triphosa, b. June 17, 1845 at Shutesbury; d. ———.
- B4-8 viii Frank Benjamin, b. May 23, 1850 at Northampton; d. May 28, 1906; m. Kate A. Stafford

## B4-2

**Jane Aldrich-Corey Branch***Beginning with SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B4-2 JANE BOYNTON (ALDRICH-COREY)** 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. Jane E——— Boynton was the second child of Lucretia (Nutting) Boynton and husband Benjamin Boynton, Jr. Born Jan. 14, 1839; died May 26, 1903. Married 1st, Samuel Aldrich of Coldwater, N. H., Nov. 1, 1859; 2nd, Alvah H. Corey, Dec. 19, 1867 son of Nathan and Louisa (Wright) Corey in Washington, N. H., by Rev. Ebenezer Nutting.

They lived at Stoddard, N. H., where Mr. Corey was a farmer.

CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*First Marriage—Aldrich*

**B4-9 Arthur, b. ———; d. young.**

*Second Marriage—Corey*

**B4-10 i Gertrude May, b. Oct. 6, 1871 at Washington, N. H.; d. March 14, 1896 at Stoddard, N. H., single.**

**B4-11 ii George A., b. Dec. 17, 1880 at Stoddard, N. H.; m. Lillian N. Murray.**

**B4-11 GEORGE A. COREY** 8, Jane Boynton (Corey) 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. George A——— Corey was the eldest child of Jane (Boynton) Corey and husband Alvah Corey. Born Dec. 17, 1880 at Stoddard, N. H. Married Lillian M. Murray, daughter of Archibald and Margaret (Bryant) Murray, born in Eumore P. E. I., and her occupation before marriage was school teaching in So. Lancaster, Mass.

They first lived in Stoddard, N. H. and later moved to Marlow, N. H. where Mr. Corey is a farmer.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

**B4-12 i Archibald A., b. June 25, 1906 at Stoddard, N. H.**

*Born at Marlow, N. H.*

**B4-13 ii Harry D., b. Nov. 14, 1908.**

**B4-14 iii Harold, b. Dec. 3, 1911.**

**B4-15 iv Gertrude M., b. July 1, 1914.**

**B4-16 v Fred Boynton, b. June 15, 1917.**

**B4-17 vi Jeannie Iva, b. Oct. 25, 1919.**

## B4-3

**George Boynton Branch***Beginning with SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B4-3 GEORGE BOYNTON** 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. George Francis Boynton was third child of Benjamin Boynton, Jr., and wife Lucretia (Nutting) Boynton. Born Aug. 25, 1840 in Shutesbury, Mass.; died Feb. 26, 1917. Married first Sarah M. Hillman (another place it says Sarah Partridge), Oct. 11, 1865; divorced from Sarah M., and married second wife Mary E. Graves. She died Nov. 13, 1917.

They lived in Florence, Mass., a part of Northampton. Occupation, painter and decorator.

CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

**B4-18 Harry C., b. Feb. 22, 1870; d. July 16, 1872.**

## B4-4

**Margaret Pond Branch***Beginning with SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B4-4 MARGARET BOYNTON (POND)** 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. Margaret Boynton was the fourth child of Lucretia (Nutting) Boynton and husband Benjamin Boynton, Jr. Born ——— at Shutesbury, Mass.; believed to have perished in the Brooklyn Theatre Fire, Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1876, unidentified bodies buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y. Married Levi Pond, son of Levi and Wealthy (Day) Pond, May 15, 1864 at Amherst, Mass.

*CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION*

**B4-19 i** Charles F., b. Nov. 9, 1865 at Amherst, Mass. After the death of his parents he was adopted by David and Elizabeth Pond of Hartford Conn. Married Cora Scharf of East Glastonbury, Conn., Feb. 14, 1887; d. March 15, 1892.

**B4-20 ii** Franklin A., b. Jan. 18, 1868 at Northampton, Mass.; d. Nov. 1, 1925 at Hartford, Conn., single.

**B4-19 CHARLES F**—— POND 8, Margaret (Boynton) Pond 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5.

*CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION**Born at East Glastonbury, Conn.*

**B4-21 i** Florence E., b. April 25, 1888; m. (1) Harold Adams, (2) James Mulvey.

**B4-22 ii** Margaret K., b. Sept. 21, 1891, m. Frederick C. Pease.

**B4-21 FLORENCE POND (ADAMS-MULVEY)** 9, Charles Pond 8, Margaret (Boynton) Pond 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. Florence E—— Pond was the youngest child of Charles F. Pond and wife Cora (Scharf) Pond. Born April 25, 1888. Married first Harold Adams son of Charles and wife Charlotte Adams. Married second James Mulvey son of Patrick and wife Margaret Mulvey. They live in East Hartford, Conn.

*CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION**Born at Hartford, Conn.**First Marriage—Adams*

**B4-23 i** Charlotte F., b. Sept. 13, 1903.

**B4-24 ii** Charles, b. May 1, 1910.

**B4-25 iii** Harold W., b. Oct. 27, 1912.

**B4-26 iv** Francis, b. Nov. 11, 1915.

*Second Marriage—Mulvey*

**B4-27 v** Edward, b. Jan. 25, 1923.

**B4-22 MARGARET POND (PEASE)** 9, Charles Pond 8, Margaret Boynton (Pond) 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. Margaret K—— Pond was the second child of Chas. and wife Cora (Scharf) Pond. Born Sept. 21, 1891. Married Frederick C. Pease, son of Frederick and wife Elizabeth Pease. They live in Bristol, Conn.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at Hartford, Conn.*

B4-28 i Frederick W., b. Dec. 19, 1912.

B4-29 ii Irene M., b. May 14, 1914.

B4-30 iii William G., b. Sept. 2, 1925.

**B4-5****Henry Boynton**

## SEVENTH GENERATION (SINGLE)

**B4-5 HENRY BOYNTON** 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. Henry H. Boynton was the fifth child of Benjamin Boynton, Jr., and wife Lucretia (Nutting) Boynton. Born a twin with sister Henrietta, 1842.

He was a Civil War soldier and died in service at Andersonville Prison. His name is on the Tablet in Memorial Hall, Northampton, Mass. Following is copy of letter he wrote soon after entering the Civil War service:—

Culpepper, October 3, 1863.

"Dear Parents,

I suppose you are wondering where in thunder I am and why in thunder I do not write you. Well, I don't know as I can give any good reason for not writing, only because I have not got at it before. Well, I stayed in Greenfield two days and started for Long Island Saturday morning. Got there about four o'clock P. M. Had somehardtack and coffee for supper and then I, with three others, had to go on guard and slept on the ground two nights. We stayed on the Island two weeks. There were four fellows that tried to desert there but two of them were drowned and they found the bodies floating near the shore the next morning. The other two were caught in Boston and will probably be Court Martialed and shot. We left the Island the 18th, and took the boat for Alexandria. We were five days on the voyage. Some of the boys were pretty seasick but I was not sick at all. We arrived at Alexandria the 23rd, in the morning and then rode 65 miles on some freight cars that were loaded with hay—over the roughest road that were ever suffered to be built in Dixieland. We got to Culpepper about six o'clock, marched two miles to Camp of Misery where we stood in the ranks and waited until nine o'clock to have our muskets and knapsacks inspected and then we had to pitch our tents and cook our suppers. We came right through the Old Bull Run Battlefield and through Manassas Junction. There was a great Cavalry fight on the ground where we are now encamped and the dead horses are lying around here thicker than hair on a dog. There have been five deserters shot and one had his head shaved and branded since we were here. The Rebs are within five miles of here and our Cavalry are having skirmishes with them almost every day.

I haven't my bounty money and shall not get it until the middle of next month. Well, I must close with wishing you well,

Yours truly,

P.S. Please send me three ten cent postage stamps.

Direct to Henry Boynton, Co. A, 32 Reg. Mass. Vols., Washington, D. C.



*Copy of Official War Record—E.B.I*

"Henry Boynton was drafted July 20, 1863 at Greenfield, Mass.; was examined and accepted on Aug. 20, 1863; reported for duty Sept. 2, 1863 and was sent to the rendezvous on Sept. 5, 1863. He was assigned to Company A, 32nd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry; was captured in Culpepper County, Virginia, Oct. 11, 1863; confined at Richmond, Virginia, Oct. 14, 1863 and was sent to Andersonville Prison, Georgia, March 8, 1864 where he died on June 10, 1864, a private."

**B4-8****Frank Boynton Branch**

*Beginning with SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B4-8** FRANK BOYNTON 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. Frank Benjamin Boynton was the eighth and eldest child of Lucretia (Nutting) Boynton and husband Benjamin Boynton, Jr., originally of Shutesbury, Mass. Born May 23, 1850 at Northampton, Mass.; died May 28, 1906 in Northampton. Married Kate A. Stafford, daughter of John and wife Ellen Stafford of Boston. She was born in Boston, August 8, 1847; died March 28, 1898 in Northampton.

He was a retail boot and shoe merchant in Florence, Mass. The family resided in Northampton for a while and later in Florence.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

- B4-31 i Walter Stafford, b. Apr. 9, 1874 in Northampton; d. May 8, 1894.
- B4-32 ii Lena Lucretia, b. March 4, 1876 in Northampton; d. Sept. 20, 1916; m. Wm. Elliott.
- B4-33 iii Edith Etta, b. Aug. 8, 1878 in Northampton; m. Philip Irwin.
- B4-34 iv Benjamin Robert, b. Sept. 21, 1880 in Florence; m. Evelyn Gale.
- B4-35 v Kate Esther, b. Dec. 4, 1882 in Florence; d. July 14, 1914; m. Herbert Riendeau.
- B4-36 vi Frank Henry, b. Sept. 5, 1887 in Florence; d. Oct. 15, 1924; m. Delia McBride
- B4-37 vii Ralph Edward, b. Aug. 25, 1890 in Florence; m. Hazel Baxter.

**B4-32** LENA BOYNTON (ELLIOT) 8, Frank Boynton 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. Lena Lucretia Boynton was the second child of Frank Boynton and wife Kate (Stafford) Boynton. Born March 4, 1876; died Sept. 20, 1916. Married William Samuel Elliott, son of John and Ellen (Carswell) Elliot, June 6, 1900. He was born in Dalbeattie, Scotland. She lived in Florence, Mass., where Mr. Elliott is a superintendent in a factory there.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Florence, Mass.*

- B4-38 i Gladys Boynton, b. March 11, 1901; d. Feb. 19, 1909.
- B4-39 ii Malcolm Douglas, b. Dec. 25, 1902.
- B4-40 iii Donald Carswell, b. March 26, 1904; m. Dorthy Pomfrey, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George Pomfrey of Springfield, Vt.
- B4-41 iv Janet Stafford, b. Oct. 31, 1908.
- B4-42 v Roger William, b. Jan. 19, 1911.
- B4-43 vi Allan Boynton, b. March 27, 1913.

**B4-33** EDITH BOYNTON (IRWIN) 8, Frank Boynton 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. Edith Etta Boynton was the third child of Frank Boynton and wife Kate (Stafford) Boynton. Born Aug. 8, 1878 in Northampton. Married Philip Law Irwin, son of Thomas L. Irwin and wife Martha (Kinney) Irwin, Jan. 30, 1901.

In 1914 Mrs. Irwin took the 2½-year old daughter of her deceased sister Katherine Riendeau (B4-35) and brought her up as an own daughter under the name of Katherine Edith Irwin although never legally adopting her. See (B4-45).

To Mrs. Irwin we are indebted for most of the information concerning the Lucretia (Nutting) Boynton Line.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

**B4-44** Phyllis Boynton, b. Feb. 15, 1906; a teacher.

**B4-34** BENJAMIN ROBERT BOYNTON 8, Frank Boynton 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. Benjamin Robert Boynton was the fourth child of Frank and Kate Boynton. Born Sept. 21, 1880 in Florence, Mass. Married Evelyn Troy Gale, daughter of Chas. and Ida (Troy) Gale in Somerville, Mass., Jan. 28, 1911. Mr. Boynton is a travelling salesman and they live in Northampton.

#### CHILDREN, NONE REPORTED

**B4-35** KATE BOYNTON (RIENDEAU) 8, Frank Boynton 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. Katherine Esther Boynton was the fifth child of Frank and Kate Boynton. Born Dec. 4, 1882; died July 14, 1914. Married Herbert Basil Riendeau, son of Basil Riendeau and wife Jennie (Bellville) Riendeau. She lived in Springfield, Mass., where Mr. Riendeau is a salesman and collector.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

**B4-45** Katherine Edith, b. Feb. 25, 1912 in Northampton. "After her mother's death she was taken into the home of her Aunt Edith Boynton Irwin and has been brought up as her daughter under the name of Katherine Edith Irwin, although never legally adopted."

**B4-36** FRANK HENRY BOYNTON 8, Frank Boynton 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. Frank Henry Boynton was the sixth child of Frank and Kate Boynton born Sept. 6, 1887; died Oct. 15 1924. Married Delia E. McBride, Jan. 8, 1912. They lived in Florence, Mass., and Mr. Boynton was a Factory Superintendent there.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

**B4-46** Frank T., b. Feb. 25, 1916 at Florence, Mass.

**B4-37** RALPH BOYNTON 8, Frank Boynton 7, Lucretia Nutting (Boynton) 6, John 5. Ralph Edward Boynton was the seventh and youngest child of Frank and Kate Boynton. Born Aug. 25, 1890. Married Hazel Grace Baxter. They live in San Diego, California and he is a District Manager and salesman.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

**B4-47** Ralph Edward, Jr., b. May 5, 1913.

# Chapter X



B5

## *Freeman Nutting Line*

21 DESCENDANTS



FREEMAN NUTTING

1811-1853

SIXTH GENERATION

FIFTH OFFSPRING

*of*

JOHN NUTTING OF SOUTH AMHERST

*AND SECOND WIFE*

CATHERINE (SMITH) NUTTING

SEE CHAPTER XVII

*Pioneers Days of Nuttings in Minnesota*

## CHAPTER X

### B5

### Freeman Nutting Line

#### SIXTH GENERATION

**B5** FREEMAN NUTTING 6, John 5. Freeman Nutting was the fifth child of John Nutting and second wife Catherine (Smith) Nutting. Born Sept. 3, 1811 at So. Amherst, Mass.; died Dec. 7, 1853 at St. Anthony (now Minneapolis) Minnesota Territory, age 42; buried there and later in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Faribault, Minn.

Married Mary Goodrich Spencer of Middletown, Conn. Born Feb. 24, 1814 in Berlin, Conn.; died May 24, 1904, age 90; buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Faribault, Minn.

#### CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION

B5-1 i Mary, b. Sept. 7, 1839 Southbridge, Mass.; d. Nov. 15, 1907; m. Charles Jewett, Jr.

B5-2 ii Eliza (Lizzie), b. July 22, 1841 Southbridge, Mass.; d. April 19, 1929; m. Richard H. L. Jewett.

B5-3 iii Ellen, b. — 1846 West Springfield, Mass.; d. June 4, 1858.

B5-4 iv Eva, b. Sept. 7, 1852, South Hadley Falls, Mass.; unm. Lived with sister Lizzie at Corning, Cal.; died Dec. 3, 1927 and buried there.

Rev. Freeman Nutting was a Methodist minister preaching at various places in Massachusetts although old Nuttingville was considered the real home of the family.

Late in the year 1852 he went alone to the Territory of Minnesota in quest of health, making his headquarters at St. Paul the head of navigation on the Mississippi River. Out from here he roughed it the winter of 1852 and 3 going as far north as Itasca, 25 miles north of St. Anthony Falls.

The summer of 1853 he returned to Massachusetts and joined his family who had been living in the house of his brother Levi at Nuttingville. In September of the same year he, with his wife and four little girls, made the long journey back again to Minnesota taking up their abode at St. Anthony Falls on the east bank of the Mississippi River which is now part of east Minneapolis.

Rev. Nutting having been in poor health for some time, died only eleven weeks after their arrival in Minnesota. He was buried in the old cemetery in Northeast Minneapolis. Some 50 years thereafter the city ordered abandonment of the cemetery for Park purposes. Thereupon relatives from Faribault, moved the bodies of Freeman and Lucinda (Graves) Nutting, first wife of Truman Nutting, brother of Freeman, to Faribault where they now rest in the family lot of Truman Nutting in the Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Freeman's widow, Mary, married his brother Truman, Dec. 25, 1854 and they with their respective families of children, moved to the "Cannon River Country," settling at Faribault and they established the first Hotel there as the "Nutting Hotel," or "Faribault House."



Mrs. Eliza (Nutting) Jewett of Corning, Cal., now past 87 years of age—our informant for this family, sends copies of letters written by her father Freeman Nutting on his experiences of early pioneer life in Minnesota. These are printed in Chapter XVII.

### **Freeman Nutting Account Books**

I have in my possession, through the courtesy of Mrs. Richard H. L. Jewett of Corning, Cal. two old account books of her father Rev. Freeman Nutting covering the years 1845 to 1852 inclusive, being the 7 years previous to the time he and his family left Massachusetts to make their home in Minnesota. The first entry in the oldest one reads as follows:—

“Freeman Nutting’s Book of Accounts 1845”

Wilbraham, Mass.

July 5, 1845—Arrived at my station in Wilbraham.

Aug. 23, 1845—Eliza A. Spencer began to work for me at one dollar per week. (She was probably his wife’s sister).

Sept. 5, 1845—Bought a horse of Porter Nutting for \$50. (Porter was Freeman’s younger brother living in Northampton).

Feb. 10, 1846—Received of Truman Nutting, which balanced all accounts up to date, 7 lbs. of tea at 65 cents per pound \$4.55. (Truman was his older brother living at Nuttingville).

Mar. 6, 1846—(We find the following receipt for:—) “An excellent liquid cement of glue two parts, and sugar two parts. Dissolve the glue by placing the vessel containing the ingredients in hot water and then stir in one part alcohol.”

“Arrived at Southampton, Mass., May 13, 1846.”

May 5—Traveling expenses to conference \$5.00.

May 13—Moving goods from Wilbraham to Southampton \$7.00.

From Nov. 10, 1846 to Jan. 1, 1849 there are no entries but by this time Freeman had undoubtedly entered into a company arrangement with his brother Porter on a Wood Lot (location not definitely known).

Jan. 1, 1849—we have: “Porter Nutting Credit on account of wood lot, for oxen 12¾ days.”

March 5, 1849—Received of Goodman Paper Manf. Co. on tracts for wood. Cash \$300.00. “The wood pulp was undoubtedly used for making paper for which this part of the country was then famous and is to this day.”

Throughout the year 1850 Freeman continued to sell wood and lumber off his Wood Lot and the latest item recorded is:—

Dec. 10, 1850—James R. Selman, Credit.

For 128½ days work at \$27 per month \$134.44, from July 1 to Dec. 10.

Second Account Book of Freeman Nutting

The accounts in this book run from Jan. 1, 1851 to Sept. 1, 1852 which is about the time he left Massachusetts and made his first trip to Minnesota Territory. It is quite evident that all through this 2 years, Freeman was conducting a clothing and general merchandise store besides, possibly, keeping on with the Methodist ministry.

March 14, 1851 Credit Traver & Adams

For building my store—see bill—\$307.86.

April 1, 1851 Credit Preston Wheeler

Bill for painting on store \$16.96.

There are accounts with several of his brothers who lived at Nuttingville so we are of the opinion that Freeman was then living not far from the old home community. Possibly he was living at South Hadley Falls as we have, family record of his youngest child, Eva being born there, Sept. 7, 1852. South Hadley Falls was just over the Holyoke mountain, south from Nuttingville, by road through the "Notch."

Ebenezer Nutting (brother) Dr.

Jan. 6 to Nov. 14, 1851—Among other charges during this period the following appear: pair pants, satin vest, sack coat, comforter, dress sack coat, alpaca coat.

Ebenezer as a lay Methodist preacher doubtless accounts for the completeness of his wardrobe.

Truman Nutting (brother) Dr.

Jan. 10 to Oct. 8, 1851—Among other charges the following appear: pair of pants for Henry, drab coat for Alonzo, pair black pants, satin vest, dress coat, pair shoes, Harpers Magazine (for self).

Henry and Alonzo were two older sons of Truman, 21 and 19 years of age respectively, still living at home. Evidently Truman was not a bad dresser himself, and the many sales of Harper's Magazine are evidence that this was the popular family periodical of the times.

Levi Nutting (brother) Dr.

The account of Freeman with this brother is especially worthy of note. wherein there are 17 charges running from April 7 to Sept. 1, 1852 covering altogether

337 copies of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN" \$347.08 including several items of freight on the same.

Levi paid cash for the books except for "setting a wagon tire," and "mending a wagon." There is nothing to show what Levi did with the books, but he may have been instrumental in having them distributed among his friends and neighbors. The incident is evidence of the "anti-slavery" sentiment which was already gaining ground throughout the North, some ten years before the Civil War.

## B5-1

### Mary Jewett Branch

*Beginning With SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B5-1** MARY NUTTING (JEWETT) 7, Freeman 6, John 5. Mary Nutting was the eldest child of Freeman Nutting and wife Mary (Spencer) Nutting. Born Sept. 7, 1839 at Southbridge, Mass.; died Nov. 15, 1907 at Grand View, Tenn., and buried there.

She married Charles Jewett, Jr., eldest child of Dr. Charles Jewett, temperance lecturer, March 15, 1857 at Faribault, Minn. He was born April 2, 1831 at East Greenwich, R. I.; died Jan. 1, 1890 at Grand View, Tenn.

Before his marriage he went to California in 1852 and after his return about a year later he moved with his people to Batavia, Ill. He remained

there about two years and went to Minnesota where he pre-empted a claim 2½ miles southeast of Faribault Trading Post in what is called "Jewett Valley." This was in the spring of 1855 for we have him registered at the Nutting Hotel on the date of its opening, May 8, 1855, along with his father, "Doc. Jewett."

He was a member of Colonel Sibley's regiment which went to fight the Sioux Indians, 1862.

He was a Civil War soldier, enlisting at Millbury, Mass., on the 17th of March, 1864 as First Lieutenant, Company K, 54th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, taking the place of his brother, John, who was killed in the Battle of Chickamauga. He was honorably discharged, June 17, 1865 at Hilton Head, S. C.

An invalid ever after the Civil War he moved with his family to a warmer climate in the Cumberland Mountains, near Crossville, Tenn. in the fall of 1868. Ten years later they moved to Grand View, Tenn., where he, his wife, older daughter and son have since died.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born at Faribault, Minn.*

B5-5 i Alice Ellen, b. Sept. 27, 1859; d. March 16, 1923; single.

B5-6 ii John Freeman, b. April 10, 1862; d. Oct. 21, 1887; single.

B5-7 iii Mary Lucy, b. May 11, 1867; unm. and lives alone on the old place in Tennessee.

### B5-2

**Eliza (Lizzie) Jewett Branch** *Beginning SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B5-2 ELIZA NUTTING (JEWETT)** 7, Freeman 6, John 5. Eliza (Lizzie) Nutting was the second child of Freeman Nutting and wife Mary (Spencer) Nutting. Born July 22, 1841 at Southbridge, Mass. Died April 19, 1929, age 87 years. Married Richard Henry Lee Jewett of Boston, Mass., May 12, 1863 at Chicago, Ill., by Rev. Joseph Haven. He died in 1906 at Corning, Cal. and they are both buried there.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born in Faribault, Minn.*

B5-8 i Charles Freeman, b. Feb. 26, 1868; d. April 25, 1929; m. Edith Horton (Convers).

B5-9 ii William Nutting, b. Sept. 2, 1870; d. Dec. 19, 1870.

B5-10 iii Edmund Gale, b. Feb. 25, 1873; m. Blanche Eugenie Hand.

B5-11 iv Mary Lucy, b. April 22, 1875; unm. and lived with mother at Corning, Cal.; d. April 27, 1929—2 days after her brother Charles, and 8 days after their mother, all of pneumonia.

B5-12 v Frank Fanning, b. Aug. 7, 1878; m. Clara Evarts Steward.

B5-13 vi Gertrude Ellen, b. Nov. 19, 1880; m. Ernest Frank McGregor.

Mr. Jewett was one of the four sons of Dr. Charles Jewett, Sr., famous temperance lecturer of his time. His brother Charles married his wife's sister, Mary. Hence, two Jewett brothers married two Nutting sisters.

Mr. Jewett as a young man in the early days of Faribault and Rice County, was the first surveyor of the county and made many of the original plats and surveys of towns, farms and roads of the community. His picture adorns the walls of the City Hall at Faribault. He pre-empted a 160 acre tract of land at Cannon Lake, called to this day Jewett's Point.



At the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted and became a Captain. After the war and his marriage, he continued his profession of surveying, living at Faribault where their children were born and educated. In the late 80's the family moved to St. Paul, Minn. There Mr. Jewett was employed in the State Auditor's office. At home under the firm name of Jewett & Son, he with his son, Charles, conducted a thriving little business of map making, covering timber and mineral lands of northern Minnesota. About 1892 Mr. Jewett did considerable exploration work during the early days of the discovery and opening of the iron ore business of northern Minn. In 1905 the family moved to Corning, Cal. and took up fruit ranching. Mr. Jewett died there and Mrs. Jewett lives with her maiden sister Eva Nutting and daughter Mary on their little ranch 2 miles out from town. (Eva has since died, Dec. 3, 1927, and Mrs. Jewett died April 19, 1929.)

*Recollections of Eliza Nutting Jewett, then past 86*

"My first childish remembrances of South Amherst were when we were living in our home in South Hadley Falls, as the trip to South Amherst was a delight to me. We passed Mary Lyon's School and over the mountain where the rough place called the Devil's Kitchen was such a wonder to me. Once I drove over with Uncle Levi. My first recollection of a railway train was in 1852. I was returning with my father and sister Mary from Middletown, Conn., where she had been visiting my Grandfather Spencer, and we stayed all night at Windsor Locks, Conn. In the evening a lighted train passed us and my father remarked at the wonder of the invention, and he wondered what his father, who had died some years before would think of it. What a contrast to our De Luxe trains of today!

"The winter of 1852 and 1853 my father, Freeman Nutting spent in Minnesota and his family lived in South Amherst, and occupied a part of Levi Nutting's house that stood near the house of Ebenezer Nutting. We went to school in a brick school house near Grandmother Nutting's home. Aunt Emily Nutting taught the school and at its close she gave each pupil a card containing this verse:

*"Farewell, dear scholars, farewell, all,  
We meet no more in Learning's Hall.  
Your teacher's praise to you is given,  
Be always just and live for heaven.  
To walk in virtue's paths we'll try  
That we may meet in worlds on high,  
Goodbye, dear scholars, all goodbye."*

"The verse was written by George G. Howe, whom she married later and moved to Faribault, Minnesota.

"I well remember Grandmother Nutting, who was blind for many years. The most vivid recollection of her was seeing her hold a cod fish skin and pick off little particles of the nice white meat for one of Aunt Kate Bishop's children to eat.

"Father returned from Minnesota in the summer of 1853, and after a long visit at Uncle Porter Nutting's in Northampton, our family left for Minnesota in September. Rockport, Ill. was as far as we could go by train and we went from there in a carriage to Dubuque, Iowa, where we took



the steamer "The War Eagle" for St. Paul, Minn. Our home was in St. Anthony Falls. Father died in December 1853. Mother cared for her four little girls, and in December 1854 married Truman Nutting. The next spring the family moved to Faribault, Minn., and for many years that was our home. We were among the first settlers in Faribault and certainly knew what pioneer life meant. A great many of the Sioux tribe of Indians lived in and near Faribault.

"On May 12, 1863, I married Richard Henry Lee Jewett, who, with his father's family had lived in Faribault, a few years, but had returned to Massachusetts to live. My husband had entered the Civil War in the Second Massachusetts Regiment in Boston. He was promoted to Captain and transferred to the 54th Massachusetts Regiment (colored) where he remained until the close of the war. Then returning to Minnesota we made our home in Faribault, where we lived until September, 1887, when we moved to St. Paul, and Mr. Jewett was in the State Auditor's office for many years.

"In 1905 we came to Corning, California, where my husband died the following year.

"In 1855 Mr. Jewett pre-empted land on Cannon Lake near Faribault, and for years we had a lovely summer home at Jewett's Point. It was sold after our home was made in California."

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**B5-8 CHARLES JEWETT** 8, Eliza Nutting (Jewett) 7, Freeman 6, John 5. Charles Freeman Jewett was the eldest child of Eliza (Nutting) Jewett and husband Richard H. L. Jewett. Born Feb. 26, 1868 at Faribault, Minn. Died April 25, 1929 at Corning, Cal., and buried there. Married Edith Horton (Convers) of Corning, Cal., formerly of Peekskill, New York.

*Life Notes by Himself*

"BORN in Faribault, Minn. Educated in the public schools of the city and graduated from the Faribault High School, 1886. Was employed for six months in the summer of 1887 as leveler in engineering party on the Great Northern Railway transcontinental line in Montana. Moved to St. Paul, Minn., with parents and rest of the family that winter.

"Was employed as transit man on survey of Railway from Red Wing, Minn., to Zumbrota, Minn. in 1888.

"Engaged with father, under firm name of Jewett and Son, in making and publication of maps and township plats of northern Minnesota.

"From 1891 to 1902 was employed as draughtsman in the U. S. Surveyors General's Office, St. Paul, Minn.

"Spent the winter of 1902-3-4 in California and moved to present ranch home near Corning, Cal. with father and mother in the fall of 1905."

OWN CHILDREN, NONE (2 GROWN STEP-CHILDREN)

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**B5-10 EDMUND JEWETT** 8, Eliza Nutting (Jewett) 7, Freeman 6, John 5. Edmund Gale Jewett was the third child of Eliza (Nutting) Jewett and husband Richard H. L. Jewett. Born Feb. 25, 1873 at Faribault, Minn. Married Blanche Eugenie Hand of Bellingham, Wash.

*Life Notes by Himself*

"BORN Feb. 25, 1873 at Faribault, Minn.

"Named after Rev. Edmund Gale, former Pastor Congregational Church of Faribault.

"Lived in Grand View, Tennessee, 1881-82 (I think).

"Moved with father's family to St. Paul in the early 90's, graduated from St. Paul High School 1893; graduated from University of Minnesota 1897. Received M.A. degree 1900.

"Taught school one year in Waterville, Minn. High School; taught at Breck School, Wilder, Minn., one year.

"Went to Bellingham, Wash. 1901; married same year Mrs. Blanche Hand, nee Blanche Eugenie Newell, born at Gowanda, N. Y.; taught in Bellingham, High School 1901-1906. Superintendent of a wood distilling plant at Everett, Wash. 1907. Resumed teaching in Bellingham High School 1907-10. (He has a M.A. degree from the University of Wash.)

"Built lumber driers (Lain-Jewett, Inc.) Washington, British Columbia, California, 1910-12.

"Went to Brooklyn, N. Y. and taught in Adelphia Academy as head of Dept. of Physical Science, 1912 where I am still engaged.

"I am Scout Master of Troop No. 169 Boy Scouts of America and a member of the Community Church, 34th St. and Park Ave., New York City. Run the Galeridge Fruit Farm, Port Murray, N. J., on the side."

OWN CHILDREN, NONE (2 STEPDAUGHTERS)

**B5-12 FRANK JEWETT** 8, Eliza Nutting (Jewett) 7, Freeman 6, John 5. Col. Frank Fanning Jewett was the fifth child of Eliza (Nutting) Jewett and husband Richard H. L. Jewett. Born Aug. 7, 1878 at Faribault, Minn. Married Clara Evarts Steward of Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 11, 1903. She was born Nov. 4, 1878.

*Life notes by your compiler, Frank's mother and himself.*

FRANK JEWETT's boyhood days were spent in Faribault attending the public schools of the city while living at the home of his parents on 3rd Street in their large, red brick house.

In the late 80's his parents moved to St. Paul, Minn., where he continued his education graduating from the St. Paul High School in 1897 and from the University of Minnesota in 1901. His wife to be, graduated in the same classes with him at High School and the University.

Immediately on leaving college he chose a military career and has followed it all his life thus far. His military record as given by himself is as follows:—

"Accepted commission of 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry on Feb. 4, 1902; 1st Lieutenant of Infantry April 20, 1907; Captain July 1, 1916; Major July 1, 1920; Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 14, 1923.

"Sailed for the Philippine Islands by Suez Canal Feb. 1, 1906; returned to United States June 15, 1908.

"World War National Army Commissions as follows—Major, Aug. 23, 1917; Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 7, 1918; sailed for France with 82nd Division May 1, 1918; returned to United States, Aug. 18, 1918; sailed for France Nov. 1, 1918 as Division Staff Officer 8th Division; served 13 months as Embarkation Officer at Brest, France; served 16 months with



COLONEL FRANK FANNING JEWETT, U. S. ARMY  
*Eighth Generation*





Graves Registration Service in Antwerp, Belgium and Paris, France. Honorably discharged, June 30, 1920."

Since the World War he has continued in the Army service of Uncle Sam and is stationed with the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb., and now holds the rank of Colonel.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B5-14 i Richard Lee, b. Aug. 5, 1909 at Vancouver Barracks, Wash. Cadet at West Point.

B5-15 ii Robert Adams, b. Jan. 9, 1911 at Vancouver Barracks, Wash.

B5-16 iii Charles Francis, b. Dec. 29, 1922 at Pittsburg, Pa.

**B5-13 GERTRUDE JEWETT (McGREGOR)** 8, Eliza Nutting (Jewett) 7, Freeman 6, John 5. Gertrude Ellen Jewett was the sixth child of Eliza (Nutting) Jewett and Richard H. L. Jewett. Born Nov. 19, 1880 at Fari-bault, Minn. Married Ernest Frank McGregor of St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 27, 1904, son of Alexander McGregor and wife Emma Ferrin McGregor. He was born Oct. 7, 1879 at Alexandria, New Hampshire.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B5-17 i Donald Rait, b. Jan. 28, 1906, Avon, Conn.

B5-18 ii Charles Jewett, b. Sept. 23, 1907, Clinton, Conn.; m. Helen Carhart.

B5-19 iii Ruth Janet, b. Oct. 22, 1909, Clinton, Conn.

B5-20 iv Elizabeth, b. Oct. 29, 1921, Norwalk, Conn.

Gertrude graduated from the St. Paul High School in 1900 and from the University of Minnesota in 1904. Her husband studied for the ministry; graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. degree and from Yale College with degrees of B.D., 1904, M.A., 1906, Ph.D., 1910.

They lived in Avon, Conn., from 1904 to 1907 where Dr. McGregor was pastor of the Congregational Church there. Clinton, Conn. 1907-12. Since that time he has been pastor of the Congregational Church of Norwalk, Conn. where he was instrumental in having a new church built for the parish at a cost of \$150,000. He was recently elected District Governor for New England of the Kewanis Club.

*Letter written by Gertrude Jewett McGregor to your compiler, March 19, 1926 reads as follows—*

My Dear Cousin Walter:

Indeed it was a great surprise to receive a letter from you yesterday. But it was a very happy surprise and I hope that we shall keep in close touch hereafter so that you will know where to find us when you come East again. If you went from New York to Northampton via the Boston Post Road you went within sight of the house as you passed the Norwalk Green. I wonder that you found anyone in Avon who knew us as it is eighteen years since we lived there and only a few families have kept in touch with us to know our present address. Don't ever come this way again without letting us know that you are in this vicinity so that we may be favored with a visit from you as well as the Northampton people. It would have been a great treat to us to see you and Ida again and to have had our children become acquainted with one another.

Thanks for the photographs. I remember Ada and Ruth as small children when we were in Minnesota about fourteen years ago. I wish I might have seen them now that they are grown up young ladies.

Yes, we keep in close touch with Carrie and George Cannan for they are traveling about in New England constantly and some of their mail comes here to be forwarded. George travels for the Burr Seed Co., of Manchester, Conn., so they about live in their car, with no settled abiding place. They are just now at Long's Hotel, State St., Hartford, Conn., and any letter sent there would be forwarded to them in case they have gone on again when it reaches there.

Ernest and I were much interested in your leaflet about your new Parish House. I hope you get the required money soon so that you can go ahead with the project, for so much good is done in a community where there are proper facilities for many parish activities. Our church never pulled together so well as they did when the new church was started. Then everyone showed a keen interest to see it done and the money came in from many unexpected sources. We need an up-to-date parish house, too, but we shall have to wait a few years for that, I fear, for the building of the new church was a big financial burden to get under way.

Frank wrote me some things about his visit to Faribault last summer, and Ed has just been up for over Sunday and has told me he was in Chicago during the holiday season visiting Eugenie's daughter, Jean. His other step-daughter, Hinda, died this last September. He is just like father in his love of horticulture and has been making all sorts of experiments on his little farm in New Jersey where they spend their summers.

Mother may not have given you the latest item, for your family record, about my family. Charles was married to Miss Helen Carhart of Johnstown, N. Y. They are living near us here in Norwalk and Charles is working in a foundry nearby and has done very well. This is Donald's Sophomore year at Yale. He is taking the scientific course preparing for an electrical engineer. Ruth is enjoying her Senior year at Hillside School greatly. She is a day pupil at this girl's preparatory school here in town and is planning to enter Holyoke College in the fall. So our four-year old Elizabeth is our only stay at home chick, but she keeps things lively enough.

Ernest joins me in best regards to all your family, and I do hope that you will come East again soon and give us a visit.

Cordially yours,

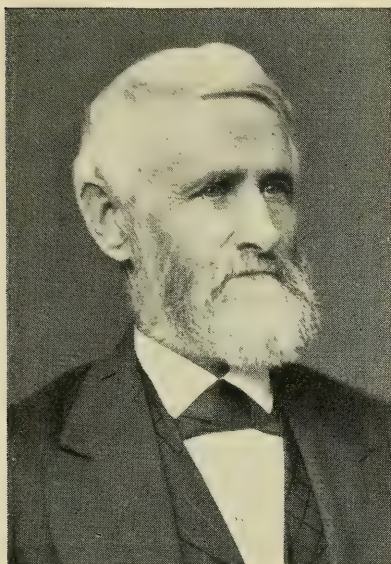
GERTRUDE.

**B5-18** CHARLES McGREGOR 9, Gertrude Jewett (McGregor) 8, Eliza Nutting (Jewett) 7, Freeman 6, John 5. Charles Jewett McGregor was the second child of Gertrude (Jewett) McGregor and husband Ernest F. McGregor. Born Sept. 23, 1907 at Clinton, Conn. Married Helen Carhart of Johnstown, N. Y. He has a position with a local foundry of Norwalk, Conn.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

**B5-21** Russell Carhart, b. May 16, 1926, in Norwalk, Conn.

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*Porter Nutting Line*  
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PORTER NUTTING  
1814 - 1895  
SIXTH GENERATION



Late Home of PORTER NUTTING, 44 North Elm St., Northampton, Mass.  
Photo W. M. Nutting, 1927.





## CHAPTER XI

### B6

#### Porter Nutting Line

**B6** PORTER NUTTING 6, John 5. Porter Nutting was the sixth child of John Nutting and second wife Catherine (Smith) Nutting. Born Jan. 14, 1814, at Nuttingville, Bay Road, South Amherst, Mass.; died March 4, 1895 at his home in Northampton, Mass.

Married 1st, Margaret Hartwell at Northampton by Rev. Wm. Smith, Oct. 13, 1836; born Sept. 17, 1816 at Conway, Mass.; died May 30, 1839 at Williamsburg, Mass., age 22 years. Married 2nd, Tryphosa Hartwell, (older sister of 1st wife), April 8, 1841, by Rev. Freeman Nutting at Northampton, Mass. ; born Oct. 21, 1811 at Conway, Mass; died May 1, 1852 at Northampton, age 40 years. Married 3rd, Susan Huntington Field (own cousin of Marshall Field, Chicago), Oct. 29, 1854 by Rev. G. M. Adams at Conway, Mass.; born May 9, 1831 at Conway, Mass.; died Sept. 15, 1865 at Northampton, Mass., age 34 years. Married 4th, Alice Caroline Dam, Aug. 28, 1866 by Rev. Thomas Worcester at Church of New Jerusalem, Boston, Mass., she was daughter of Dr. Leader Dam and wife Ann (Folsom) Dam formerly of Waterford and Limerick, Me.; born Feb. 13, 1838; died April 5, 1925 at home of her daughter Gertrude Smith at Holyoke, Mass., and buried at Bridge Street, lot of Porter Nutting, Northampton, Mass., age 87 years.

#### *First Marriage*

B6-1 i John Porter, b. Oct. 8, 1838 at Williamsburg, Mass.; died May 11, 1916 at Shelborne Falls, Mass.; m. Mary Welch.

#### *Second Marriage*

*Born at Northampton, Mass.*

B6-2 i Margaret Tryphosa, b. Dec. 9, 1846; died Sept. 13, 1915 at Los Angeles, Cal.; m. John F. Spring.

B6-3 ii Samuel Hartwell, b. Dec. 21, 1849; d. Dec. 27, 1916 at Warehouse Point, Conn.; m. Mary Dyer.

#### *Third Marriage*

B6-4 i Arthur Fenelon, b. Feb. 4, 1861 at Northampton, Mass.; d. April 11, 1920 at Huntington, Mass.; m. Ida M. Torrey.

B6-5 ii Edward Eugene, d. in infancy.

#### *Fourth Marriage*

*Born at Northampton, Mass.*

B6-6 i Alice Gertrude, b. Sept. 5, 1867; m. Fred Allen Smith.

B6-7 ii Grace Anna, b. Jan. 31, 1870; d. July 17, 1872.

B6-8 iii Charles Herbert, b. Sept. 8, 1873; m. Jennie Maria Nettleton.

B6-9 iv Clifford Porter, b. July 12, 1882; m. Eva May Golding.

## Porter Nutting in Minnesota, 1855

The story of Porter Nutting's first visit to Faribault as a young man in the month of January, 1855 together with his brothers Truman and Levi and the older son of Truman, Frank, and a party of two sleigh loads from St. Paul as told in a letter written by Hon. Thos. Hale Williams of Minneapolis—one of the party—together with official records in the History of Rice and Steele Counties on PORTER NUTTING as one of the original proprietors and founders of the town of Faribault—are printed elsewhere in this book under Chapter XVII.

## Life of Porter Nutting

By His Son, Chas. H. Nutting, Boston, Mass., 1928

PORTER NUTTING was born in South Amherst on the Old Bay Road, the sixth child of John and Catherine Smith Nutting. His early education was obtained in the District School. At the early age of 14, he hired out as an apprentice to learn the mason's trade, working on a brick house located near his home on the road to Amherst Green from the Bay Road. He later built among others, the house now occupied by Emily Thayer, called the Alvah Robbins place.

When Lafayette went through from Albany to Boston in 1824 he passed by the house on his way to the Commencement Exercises at Harvard College. Porter among other children in the neighborhood saw him when he passed; Porter being a boy of 10 at the time.

In 1830, when 16 years old he went to Hadley and learned the mason's trade. In 1833 he went to Northampton and engaged in contracting and building. In 1831 he went to Akron, Ohio, and on his return, August, 1831, rode from Schenectady to Albany on the First Railroad built in America. The train of three coaches was drawn by the locomotive called "The De Witt Clinton." (See Chapter IV).

He later resumed contracting in Northampton and received the backing of Mr. Hinckley of Prospect Street, one of the wealthiest men in Northampton at the time, whose son was the head of the Northampton Cutlery Company. Among other places erected by Porter now standing are the Union Block of Northampton, parts of the Jail, and the Northampton Lunatic Asylum, also the Hayden Brass Foundry at Haydenville.

Porter was about five feet, eight inches tall, never weighing over 154 lbs., but exceedingly agile in his movements and every movement he made counted. It was said that he could lay more bricks in a given time than any man whoever worked for him, by reason of this fact, and during his career he employed many hundreds of men. He was a capable business man whose integrity was beyond question, his word being as good as his bond. He was so considered in the community in which he lived. He was in every way a very fine character and thoroughly religious without ostentation and despite his strong nature and the provocations which he contended with, he was never known to utter an oath. He was located in Williamsburg during his early life for some years and his oldest son was born in that

town. He moved to 44 North Elm Street, Northampton, Mass., where he remained to his death on March 4, 1895. He owned at different times a considerable portion of Northampton, including his own place and its surroundings, together with the meadow between Elm Street and Bay State Road and a section between that and Mill Road; a part of the present campus of Smith College, which latter was given to Northampton by a third cousin of his mother's. At one time together with his former superintendent, John Vogel, he purchased all of the property which was known as the Denison Water Cure located between Elm Street and North Elm Street and Prospect Street, Northampton, now the site of the Dickinson Hospital and other institutions extending nearly to Florence Village. He was interested in the development of land opposite Bay State Village across the Mill River and invested considerable money in constructing a bridge which was completed just before the Mill River Flood and went out with it in 1872, resulting in quite a serious loss to him.

He was a Representative from Northampton in 1874. He did not receive the renomination, owing to his unwillingness to follow his party in connection with the filling of the vacancy due to the death of Charles Sumner. He was a Republican in politics, although a very independent one. He was a man who absolutely could not be swerved from what he considered to be right. He was told at the time of his refusal to vote for the Republican candidate that he would not be renominated. His informants were told that that was a matter of little consequence to him; that he had come down there to represent a constituency and he intended to represent them to the best of his ability, while there, and that he was there for that purpose and not for the renomination, which latter would not be given any consideration and it was not, although considerable pressure was brought to bear.

He was not only respected, but he was a man whom everyone was fond of; genial, a good story teller, but never but one at a time. He did gratuitously, despite the fact that he was always driven in his own business, an immense amount of work in helping the poor people who knew him or knew of him in the town and they consulted him frequently as an adviser. His home was always open to his friends and it was used very freely and in his latter years, owing to this and the very considerable sums he had lost and given in helping others, he left a comparatively small estate.

### **Living Revolutionary Soldier's Son**

Porter Nutting of Northampton, who is probably alone  
entitled to that distinction.

*From Special Correspondent, Springfield Republican*

Northampton, Saturday, April 1, 1893

THE canvas which the World's Fair committee is making in this vicinity in search of articles of historic interest belonging to colonial and Revolutionary times is a reminder that not only have the people of the early days passed away, but there are hardly any of the next generation living to tell the thrilling story of our early history as they heard it from those



who helped to make it. The War of the Revolution closed nearly 110 years ago, and the living sons and daughters of the soldiers who fought for independence must be very few. There is a peculiar interest therefore attached to the family story of one of Northampton's oldest citizens, ex-Representative Porter Nutting of North Elm Street, the seventh of 12 children surviving of John Nutting of Northampton Meadows, who enlisted in the Continental Army when a lad of 17.

Mr. Nutting's attention was first called to his position as one of the few remaining survivors of the original sons of veterans by a news item in the Republican about two years ago, announcing the death in New York of person supposed to have been the last living child of a Revolutionary soldier. Since then he has made careful inquiry, but has heard of none beside himself and a brother and sister who hold this relation to the early times. John Nutting was born in Cambridgeport, Mass., April 21, 1762. When he was four years old he came to Northampton with Mrs. Dr. Hunt, who lived in the house situated where the town hall is now. That was before carriages had come into general use, and the child rode all the way on horseback, carefully tied on in a secure place behind Mrs. Hunt. For the next few years he lived with a Mr. Lyman, who kept the ferry where the Hadley bridge is now.

John was a youngster about nine years old when the ringing of the village church bell announced the opening of the war and the summons to the minute-men to hasten to arms. Mr. Lyman's hired man left his plow, as did so many others, and hurried to respond to the call, leaving John, who was with him in the field, to drive the cattle home. The impression made upon the boy was never forgotten; he was frightened half to death, and expected every minute to see the red coats of the British appear over the hill. He followed with eager interest the varying fortunes of the war, and as the months lengthened into years and peace was not yet declared, he began to look forward to the time when he should be 17 and eligible to enlist. As soon as it arrived he went to the recruiting officer and was assigned to a company whose duty was to guard a fort at Ticonderoga. His older friends tried to secure his release at the time of his enlistment, but he made a successful private appeal to the officer to hold him to his contract. He had been in the army but nine months when the war ended, but he had gained his wish.

After the war John settled in South Amherst, on the Old Bay Road, which was the main thoroughfare between Northampton and Boston. By his first wife he had one child, George, and by his second wife, who was Catherine Smith of Whately, he had 11 children, Ebenezer, Esther (Smith) Truman, Lucretia (Boynton), Freeman, Porter, Leonard, Levi, Emily (Howe), Emerson, and Catherine (Bishop), all born in the same house. Of these the only ones now living are Porter, of Northampton, Levi of Faribault, Minn., who was surgeon-general of that state during President Lincoln's administration, and Catherine, who is now Mrs. Henry Bishop of South Amherst. John Nutting received a pension of \$8 a month from about 1822 to the time of his death, in 1834, and his widow continued to receive it until her death, 30 years later.



Porter Nutting, the subject of this sketch, was born January 14, 1814. He lived with his father at South Amherst until he was 16 and then went to Hadley to learn the mason's trade, remaining there three years. He then went to Northampton, where he was employed by Mr. Hunt, a contractor and builder, and with him worked on the first factory built in Haydenville, but afterward swept away in the Mill river disaster. In 1831 Mr. Nutting went to Akron, Ohio, and on his return home the next year rode on the first railroad built in America, soon after it was opened from Schenectady to Albany. (See picture Chapter IV). He did not return to Ohio, but continued the trade of mason and builder which he had established for himself some years before. In 1874 he represented his district at the Legislature but has not since been a candidate for public office. Mr. Nutting has been married four times and has seven children. The son of his first wife is John Nutting of Shelburne Falls and the children by his second wife are Mrs. John F. Spring of Greenfield and Samuel H. Nutting of Warehouse Point. Representative Arthur F. Nutting is the son of the third wife and the representative's little daughter, Mildred, 10 months old, is probably the youngest living great-grandchild of the Revolution. Mr. Nutting's present wife was Miss Alice C. Dam, daughter of Dr. Leader Dam of Boston, and the 25th anniversary of their marriage was observed with a family reunion August 28, 1891. Their children are Alice Gertrude, Charles Herbert and Clifford Porter, who is 11 years old and without doubt the youngest grandchild of the Revolution.

Mr. Nutting was a free soiler for many years before the war, and he always voted the losing presidential ticket until the nomination of Lincoln. He is proud of his connection with the Republican party in those days, but when it seemed to him to have forsaken its standards he left it and has since called himself an independent though he voted for Horace Greeley in 1872 and has voted for the democratic nominee for President ever since. He believes in free trade and greatly admires President Cleveland and Gov. Russell. Though in his 80th year, his mind is still vigorous and his memory of the past and interest in the present and the future is stronger than many a younger man's. It seems likely to be some years before the last son of a Revolutionary veteran is gone.

*Copy furnished Nov. 8, 1927 by Miss B. E. Chandler, Librarian of the Springfield Republican.*

### **Obituary**

#### **DEATH OF PORTER NUTTING**

March 4, 1895

**A Respected Northampton Citizen and the Son of a  
Revolutionary Soldier**

ONE of Northampton's old and respected citizens passed away in the death yesterday morning of Porter Nutting, 81, who was notable aside from his many fine characteristics in that he was one of the now very few surviving sons of Revolutionary soldiers. His father, John Nutting of Northampton Meadows, enlisted in the Continental Army at the age of 16. When but

four years old John was brought to Northampton and was a boy of nine when the ringing of the village church bell summoned the minute men to arms. The youngster took an active interest in the progress of the war and just as soon as he was old enough to enlist he did so, the protests of his relations and friends to the contrary notwithstanding. He was in the service for nine months and the story of his war experiences as related by him to his son and by him told to friends made an interesting and unique narrative.

Porter Nutting's last illness was very short. Despite his advanced age he had always enjoyed remarkably good health and his interest in all affairs was unabated up to nearly the time of his death. A few days ago he took a cold which developed rapidly into La Grippe which was the immediate cause of his death. The news of his sudden passing away will bring sadness to a large number of Northampton residents and to many people in other places who were privileged to know him. Although a quiet man, loving his home life and prevented by advancing years from active business, he kept his old friends and made new ones. Of a sturdy, honest nature, generous and hospitable and with a fund of anecdote and reminiscence, he was not only a delightful companion but a man whose friendship was a thing to be valued and remembered. His thoughtfulness and kindness were marked characteristics and his death will be sincerely mourned by all who knew him.

Mr. Nutting was born Jan. 14, 1814, in South Amherst. He lived with his father in that town till he was 16 and then went to Hadley to learn the mason's trade. There he remained for three years and then went to Northampton, where he was employed by Mr. Hunt, a contractor and builder. With him he worked on the first factory built in Haydenville. This structure was afterward swept away in the Mill river disaster. In 1833 Mr. Nutting went to Akron, Ohio, going to Albany by stage and from Albany to Schenectady on the first railroad built in America soon after it was opened to travel. (See picture Chapter IV). He was called home in 1834 by the death of his father and he has stayed in Northampton as a contractor. In 1874 he represented his district in the Legislature, but had not been a candidate for public office since. He retired from active business some years ago. In politics he was a free-soiler and then a Republican. He voted for Horace Greeley in 1872 and had since allied himself with the Democratic party, although he kept his independent proclivities.

Mr. Nutting was married four times, and has seven children living. The son by his first wife is John Nutting of Shelburne Falls, and the children by his second wife are Mrs. John F. Spring of Greenfield and Sam. H. Nutting of Warehouse Pont, Conn. Northampton's new postmaster, Arthur F. Nutting is the son of his third wife, and the postmaster's little daughter, Mildred, now nearly three years old, is probably one of the youngest great-grandchildren of a Revolutionary veteran. Mr. Nutting's widow was Miss Alice C. Dam, daughter of Dr. Leader Dam of Boston. The 25th anniversary of their marriage was celebrated with a family reunion Aug. 28, 1891. Their children are Alice, Gertrude, Charles Herbert, and Clifford Porter, who is 13 years old, and without doubt the youngest grandchild of a

Revolutionary soldier. Mr. Nutting leaves a brother, Levi Nutting of Fari-bault, Minn., and a sister, Mrs. Henry Bishop of South Amherst.

The funeral will be held at his late residence on Elm St.

### **Address at the Funeral**

by

S. Jepson, Springfield, Mass.

As man is composed of a spirit as well as of a natural body, we may conclude from Scripture and reason, that when he lays aside the body at death, he rises immediately into a realm that is perfectly suited to his changed condition; for, as a natural body can only live in a natural realm, the spiritual body can only live in a spiritual realm. This is a simple and easy way of showing the certainty of a future state. As man is a twofold being, composed of spirit and matter, so there are two realms, the spiritual and the natural; the former realm for the abode of the spirit, and the latter realm for the abode of the body. Now, since our departed brother has laid aside his natural body, and has risen into the realm of departed spirits, in what particular region in that realm, let us ask, will he find his lasting home? Will he find it in one of the heavenly Father's mansions? Judging from what we have learnt of his beautiful life, we can safely answer this question in the affirmative. For did he not prepare for such a mansion by a life of faith, love and obedience? Did he not give evidence of such a preparation by his numerous deeds of self-sacrifice? Did he not show forth that he was following his Master's example by feeding the hungry, by giving drink to the thirsty, by clothing the naked, and by visiting the sick, and by otherwise aiding his needy brethren? And in doing all this, how could he do otherwise than prepare for himself a mansion in his Father's house? If we imagine that a mansion can be prepared for man without caring for the poor and needy, we are greatly deceived; for hear what the Saviour God says, "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it to me." To these just ones the Saviour says, "they shall go into eternal life." The virtues of our departed brother were notably seen in his beautiful conduct at home. He was most lovingly united to his wife, and was kindly and tenderly attached to his children, without partiality to one more than to another. Add to this, that in all his actions toward them, he was ever merciful. Indeed this later virtue shone out in such bold relief, that it was even seen in his treatment of the dumb creation! His knowledge was extensive; not only in regard to secular, civil, moral and political affairs, but it extended to the more important things of a spiritual nature. He was a great Bible student; and his strong faculties not only gave him a clear discernment of Bible teachings, but they also enabled him to impress the same teachings upon the minds of others. In view of what most of you have known, and of what we ourselves have learned of our departed brother's spiritual and moral worth, there is good reason for the surviving wife and children to feel that their apparent loss is his eternal gain. We say their apparent loss; for although he is now absent from them as to his body, he is present in spirit and will be henceforth a ministering spirit to them till they shall



be called by their Saviour God to join him in singing his praises, and doing those deeds of usefulness in which every angelic spirit will be engaged through a blessed eternity. My friends, you are left here below a little longer to mourn the loss of the departed; and it is quite humane to do so, for did not Jesus weep at the grave of Lazarus? But though you will weep a reasonable time on account of the bodily absence of the departed, your weeping will ere long give place to rejoicing; for spiritual reflection will lead you to see and feel that your "Saviour God hath done all things well"; that he has removed the departed at the very best time for his eternal well-being. And when you come to see this, it will have the blessed effect of inducing you to make "your own calling and election sure," that so you may receive, like your departed husband and father, that crown of unfading glory from the Saviour God at his right hand, "where there are pleasures forever more."

*Copied March 17, 1927 from small pamphlet loaned your compiler by Mrs. Emily Thayer of So. Amherst, Mass.*

## B6-3

### Samuel Nutting Branch

*Beginning With SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B6-3** SAMUEL NUTTING 7, Porter 6, John 5. Samuel Hartwell Nutting was the second child of Porter Nutting and second wife Tryphosa (Hartwell) Nutting. Born Dec. 21, 1849 at Northampton, Mass.; died Dec. 27, 1916 at Warehouse Point, Conn., age 67; married Mary Anna Dyer of Woodstock, Conn in 1869; she died Feb. 21, 1921 at Warehouse Point, Conn. He learned the silk business and was Superintendent of the Warehouse Point Silk Company until the time of his death.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

- B6-10 i Charles Dyer, b. June 22, 1870 at Rockville, Conn.; d. Jan. 11, 1928 at Middletown, Conn.; m. Maud Robinson.  
 B6-11 ii Alice Louise, b. and d. 1872; infant 3 mos. old.  
 B6-12 iii Phillip Porter, b. Jan. 12, 1879 at Warehouse Point, Conn.; m. Gertrude M. Groves of Meriden, Conn.  
 B6-13 iv Ernest Samuel, b. Oct. 8, 1881 at Warehouse Point, Conn.; m. Anna Hall.

**B6-12** PHILLIP NUTTING 8, Samuel 7, Porter 6. John 5. Phillip Porter Nutting was the third child of Samuel H. Nutting and wife Mary Anna (Dyer). Born Jan. 12, 1879 at Warehouse Point, Conn. Married Gertrude M. Groves of Meriden, Conn.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

**B6-13** ERNEST NUTTING 8, Samuel 7, Porter 6. John 5. Ernest Samuel Nutting was the fourth child of Samuel H. Nutting and wife Mary



(Dyer) Nutting. Born Oct. 8, 1881 at Warehouse Point, Conn. Married Anna Hall of Wallingford, Conn. in 1904. He is secretary and treasurer of the Hartford Electric Light Co.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B6-14 i Doris Hall, b. Aug. 15, 1905; m. 1929 Arthur Andrews.

B6-15 ii Jack Hall, b. May 2, 1907 in New Haven, Conn.

#### *From House Publication of Hartford Electric Light Company*

March 12, 1899, just another kid, Ernest S. Nutting by name, started to work for the Company. On March 12, 1929, we take pleasure in honoring Mr. Ernest S. Nutting, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company, on the completion of thirty years of service. This epitomizes a career which has been filled with conscientious effort and plenty of hard work, resulting in a position of honor and respect which all might envy. As we have said, Mr. Nutting started in as "the kid" in the little red building which housed practically the entire Company in those days. His connection with the Accounting Department began as a junior clerk and he has since held practically every job in the department, including bill clerk, bookkeeper and cashier. On February 9, 1909, he was elected Assistant Treasurer which position he held until January 29, 1929, when he was made Secretary and Treasurer, succeeding Mr. John E. Lynch.

Mr. Nutting has become a recognized authority in public utility accounting work. His constant striving to improve the working methods of his department has helped to bring it to a high place of efficiency. Personally, there are few more popular people in the organization. Mr. Nutting's friendly disposition, ready smile, and witty jokes have made a host of staunch friends who unite in congratulating him on his thirty years of service and the success which has come with it. The general consensus of opinion seems to be that the best is none too good for Mr. Nutting.

## B6-4

### Arthur Nutting Branch

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

**B6-4** ARTHUR NUTTING 7, Porter 6, John 5. Arthur Fenelon Nutting was the eldest child of Porter Nutting and third wife Susan (Field) Nutting. Born Feb. 4, 1861 at Northampton, Mass.; died April 11, 1920 at Huntington, Mass., age 59 years. Married Ida M. Torrey of Chesterfield, Mass., May 25, 1882, born Dec. 26, 1858.

He was educated in the Northampton public schools and the Hartford Business School. When a young man he was Assistant Postmaster in Northampton. He later went into the insurance business in Northampton which occupation he followed until a few years before his death. He was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1880 and again in 1891 and although Northampton is normally a Republican district, the fact that he was a Democrat in politics indicates his popularity in his community. He was on various committees while in the Legislature, including the Rapid Transit Commission which was one of the most important

at the time. He was Postmaster of Northampton for four years beginning March 1, 1895. He was fond of hunting and was a good wing shot.

He contracted Bright's disease in middle life and it cut short his useful career. His business was sold and he later went to Huntington and lived out-of-doors as much as possible to prolong his life. He died in that town.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born in Northampton, Mass.*

- B6-16 i Edward Eugene, b. Feb. 12, 1883; m. Frances Cline, 1915.  
 B6-17 ii Winfield Arthur, b. Sept. 21, 1887; d. July 31, 1888.  
 B6-18 iii Pauline Louise, b. July 1, 1890; m. Alfred Miller.  
 B6-19 iv Mildred Helene, b. June 3, 1892; m. Wilbert T. Moore of Westfield.

**B6-18 PAULINE NUTTING (MILLER)** 8, Arthur 7, Porter 6, John 5. Pauline Louise Nutting was the third child of Arthur F. Nutting and wife Ida M. (Torrey) Nutting. Born July 1, 1890 at Northampton, Mass. Married Alfred F. Miller Sept. 7, 1910 at Springfield, Mass. They live at West Springfield, Mass.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- B6-20 i Robert Nutting, b. Jan. 31, 1917 at Northampton, Mass.  
 B6-21 ii Arthur Emil, b. May 25, 1920 at Springfield, Mass.

**B6-19 MILDRED NUTTING (MOORE)** 8, Arthur 7, Porter 6, John 5. Mildred Helene Nutting was fourth and youngest child of Arthur and Ida Nutting formerly of Northampton, Mass. Born there June 3, 1892. Married Wilbert T. Moore of Westfield, Mass., at the home of her sister Pauline, West Springfield, Mass., April 30, 1924.

They live in Huntington, Mass., and **MILDRED (NUTTING) MOORE** is accredited as being the **YOUNGEST GREAT GRAND-DAUGHTER OF A REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER.**

#### CHILDREN, NONE

Mr. Moore had children by a former wife.

### B6-6

#### Alice Smith Branch

##### SEVENTH GENERATION

**B6-6 ALICE NUTTING (SMITH)** 7, Porter 6, John 5. Alice Gertrude Nutting was the eldest child of Porter Nutting and fourth wife Alice (Dam) Nutting. Born Sept. 5, 1867 at Northampton, Mass. Married Fred Allen Smith, Oct. 22, 1895 at Northampton, Mass. Born Oct. 22, 1865 at Greenfield, Mass. They live at Wyckoff Park, Holyoke, Mass.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

- B6-22 i Marion, b. July 21, 1902 at Holyoke, Mass.; m. Fred Gorman Clark Smith, Jr., Sept. 11, 1926 at Laurel Beach, Milford, Conn.  
 B6-23 ii Grace Anna, b. — d. in infancy.





CHARLES HERBERT  
NUTTING

(B6-8)

*Seventh Generation*

CLIFFORD PORTER  
NUTTING

(B6-9)

*Seventh Generation*

Age 46

*"Youngest grandson of a  
Revolutionary War Veteran."*





## B6-8

**Charles Nutting Branch**

## SEVENTH GENERATION

**B6-8 CHARLES NUTTING** 7, Porter 6, John 5. Charles Herbert Nutting was the third child of Porter Nutting and fourth wife Alice (Dam) Nutting. Born Sept. 8, 1873 at Northampton, Mass. Married Jennie Maria Nettleton of Derby, Conn., April 26, 1899, at Winthrop, Mass.; born April 26, 1870 at Derby, Conn.

He started his career as a young man with the Nonatuck Silk Mill at Northampton, but later left them to go into the insurance business with his brother-in-law, John F. Spring at Greenfield. His present partner, Mr. Edwy T. Wells later followed in that position in Mr. Spring's office. This son is now the Charles H. Nutting of the firm of Nutting and & Wells, 40 Broad Street, Boston, doing a general insurance business, but specializing in Marine. He was educated in Northampton public schools. He left that town just before he was 22 years old to locate in Boston where he became the head of the Boston Office of the large marine firm of brokers, Johnson & Higgins of New York. This was in 1898 at the age of 25. He was afterward senior partner of the firm of Nutting & Wells in September 1901. He married Jennie M. Nettleton, daughter of Dr. Henry Ashley Nettleton of Derby, Conn. They had three sons, Wells Porter Nutting, named after his father's partner and his father's father, who is now in the Loss Department of Nutting & Wells; William Henry, the second son died at the age of ten years and Charles Herbert, Jr., the youngest son, is just starting in college.

He is an enthusiast on Genealogy and Family History. To him we are indebted for most of the statistics covering his own immediate family record as well as data concerning the ancestry of some of the earlier forefathers, particularly John of Amherst—his own grandfather and the subject of this work.

Mr. Nutting is a man of striking appearance and strong personality. He, with his younger brother Clifford, can well be considered two of the **MOST OUTSTANDING AND YOUNGEST REPRESENTATIVES, STILL LIVING, OF THE SEVENTH generation** in the John of South Amherst branch of the Nutting Tribe in America.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born at Ridge Road, Sharon, Mass.*

B6-24 i Wells Porter, b. May 11, 1904.

B6-25 ii William Henry, b. April 8, 1906; d. Jan. 21, 1917.

B6-26 iii Charles Herbert, Jr., b. Nov. 9, 1908.

## B6-9

**Clifford Nutting Branch**

## SEVENTH GENERATION

**B6-9 CLIFFORD NUTTING** 7, Porter 6, John 5. Clifford Porter Nutting was the fourth child of Porter Nutting and fourth wife Alice (Dam) Nutting. Born July 12, 1882 at Northampton, Mass. Married Eva May Golding at Boston, Mass., April 30, 1910.

He was educated in the Northampton, Mass., and Winthrop, Mass. schools. He later started in business with the Travelers Insurance Company and has been highly successful in business. He is now head of William A. Hamilton Company, Insurance, 40 Broad Street, Boston, doing a general agency and brokerage business. He is living on Calumet Road, Winchester, Mass. To Clifford Nutting goes the distinction of being the youngest of the Seventh Generation in the John Nutting of South Amherst Line of Nuttings in America and still living.

At the age of 46 (1928) he is the grandson, still living, of a Revolutionary War Soldier. A distinction enjoyed by few, if any others.

HIS BROTHER, CHAS. H. SAYS:—

"I DO NOT THINK THERE IS ANY QUESTION BUT THAT CLIFFORD IS THE YOUNGEST LIVING GRANDSON OF A REVOLUTIONARY VETERAN."

CHILDREN, NONE

## Chapter XII



B7

### *Leonard Nutting Line*

3 DESCENDANTS



FREEMAN NUTTING

1816-1847

SIXTH GENERATION

SEVENTH OFFSPRING

*of*

JOHN NUTTING OF SOUTH AMHERST

*AND SECOND WIFE*

CATHERINE (SMITH) NUTTING

## CHAPTER XII

### B7

#### Leonard Nutting Line

*Beginning With SIXTH GENERATION*

**B7** LEONARD NUTTING 6, John 5. Leonard Nutting was the seventh child of John Nutting and second wife Catherine (Smith) Nutting. Born Aug. 24, 1816 at South Amherst.; died March 23, 1847 at Shutesbury, Mass., age 30. Married Ardelia Fairfield of Haydenville, Mass.

In the old Account Book of his brother, Truman Nutting at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass., we find where on

"Thursday, Jan. 5th, 1837

Leonard Nutting

Began work for Kennedy & Co. at filing handles."

"Leonard Nutting began to board March 5th 1837."

He was about 21 at this time and was evidently just starting out in life.

On the inside cover of the account book we find written the following address:—

"LEONARD NUTTING—26 Dock Square, Boston, Mass."

He and his wife had gone there to live sometime before 1843 as we have the family record of his two children being born in Boston 1843 and 1845 respectively. He evidently left Boston soon after for he died in Shutesbury early in 1847.

#### CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION

*Born in Boston, Mass.*

B7-1 i Caroline Ardelia, b. — 1843; d. —; m. Frederick Hayden of Haydenville, Mass.

B7-2 ii Ellen, b. — 1845; d. —.

No descendants living.

N.B.—One family record states that Leonard Nutting was born Aug. 30, 1815 at South Amherst, Mass.; died at Williamsburg, Mass. (?) March 18, 1847 (gravestone at South Amherst). Married Aug. 30, 1837, Ardelia H. Fairfield of Williamsburg, Mass. Was a resident of Williamsburg. Guardians appointed for two children by Northampton Probate Court.

Record of children shows:—

Besides the first two, Ardelia and Ellen, a third child named:

B7-3 George W., (the last doubtful).



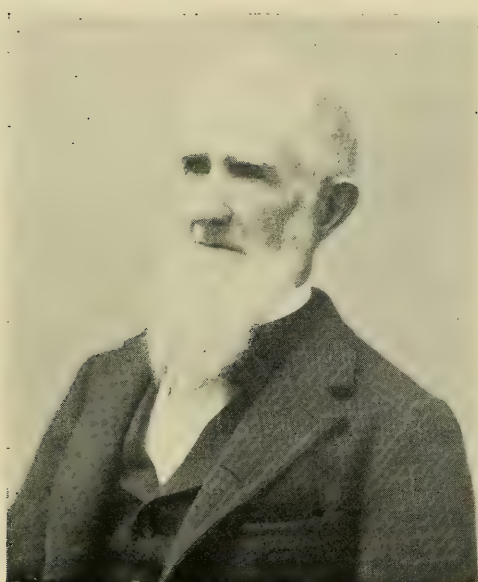
## Chapter XIII



B8

### *Levi Nutting Line*

31 DESCENDANTS



LEVI NUTTING

1819-1898

SIXTH GENERATION

EIGHTH OFFSPRING

*of*

JOHN NUTTING OF SOUTH AMHERST

AND SECOND WIFE

CATHERINE (SMITH) NUTTING

SEE CHAPTER XVII—NUTTING PIONEERS IN MINNESOTA



## CHAPTER XIII

### B8

#### Levi Nutting Line

##### SIXTH GENERATION

**B8** LEVI NUTTING 6, John 5. Levi Nutting was the eighth child of John Nutting and second wife Catherine (Smith) Nutting. Born Jan. 17, 1819 at South Amherst; died March 4, 1898, age 79. Married 1st Martha Orilla Dickinson of Amherst, Mass., Jan 29, 1846, daughter of Lucius and Betsy Dickinson. She died Dec. 28, 1846, age 22. Married 2nd Mary Eliza Foster of Shutesbury, Mass., May 7, 1848. She died Dec. 25, 1856, age 26. Married 3rd Luther Ann Winter of Shutesbury, Mass., Nov. 12, 1857, daughter of Benjamin and Jerusha Winter, born Oct. 29, 1823, died Dec. 27, 1921, age 97.

##### CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION

###### *First Marriage*

B8-1 Maynard, b. Dec. 14 (?) 1846; d. 1867, age 21 at South Amherst.

###### *Third Marriage, Born at Faribault, Minn.*

B8-2 i Mary, b. Sept. 7, 1858; d. Aug. 6, 1898; m. John W. Jones.

B8-3 ii Clara, b. Oct. 15, 1859; m. Charles E. Alexander.

B8-4 iii Edith, b. Feb. ——— 1861; d. ——— 1865.

B8-5 iv Julia, b. ——— 1862; d. infancy.

B8-6 v Winter, b. Jan. 21, 1869; m. Jean McKinley.

#### Life Story of Levi Nutting

His boyhood and young manhood days were lived in old Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass., at the home of his father, John Nutting on the Old Bay Road. His common school education was obtained in the old Country School house of School District No. 7 probably around the years 1827 to 1833, where his older sister Emily Nutting taught school at a later time (1846-53).

Grown to manhood he built his home on the south side of the Old Bay Road at the crossroads near his brothers (Ebenezer and Truman) and the Nutting Waterpower and Industries. (Picture of his house is shown in the illustrated section, Chapter IV).

After the death of his first wife, Orilla, Dec. 28, 1846 his sister Emily came to keep house for him and care for his two-weeks old son, Maynard. She lived in Levi's home for 1½ years and until his second marriage. The winter of 1852-3 his brother Freeman spent in Minnesota and Freeman's family, consisting of wife Mary and four young children, lived in part of Levi's house while the two older children, Mary and Lizzie, attended school to their aunt Emily Nutting in the old brick school house near grandmother Nutting's home.

It was the next spring of 1853 that Levi Nutting made his first visit to Faribault, Minnesota, returning later in the spring of 1855 after a stay in St. Anthony of about two years. This was about the time his brother, Truman and family moved to Faribault from St. Anthony, Minn., and started the first Hotel in the new town, where Levi was one of the first boarders as shown by the old Faribault House Register on its opening day, May 8, 1855 (Chapter XVII).

Levi was active in all civic matters, having to do with the early history and founding of the new frontier town of Faribault and Rice County as shown later in account of his political record. In due course of time he built a home in Faribault which is still standing on its original site at the corner of 5th Street and Fourth Avenue. His sister, Emily, who had lived in his home at old Nuttingville, South Amherst, had married George G. Howe. They lived in Faribault, neighbor to Levi and third wife, Luthera, in the same block and in a house just back and west of the Baptist Church. This house is also still standing and both homes are occupied by strangers, the properties having long since changed hands.

In later years Levi Nutting lived in a house on the site of the present fine home of P. J. Gallagher at the corner of 7th Street and Fifth Avenue, N.W. in the rear he had his large dairy barns for the conduct of the retail milk business in which he was assisted by his son, Winter (Win) Nutting. The dairy business and the exercise of his political aspirations accupied his energies until shortly before his death in 1898.

Levi Nutting was a man of unusual bodily physique and mental aptitude for any task he undertook to do. He had a commanding personality, quick wit and winning speech as an orator, much in demand on patriotic and after-dinner occasions. To him and other stalwart New England pioneers is due in large measure, the founding of Faribault's most essential and cherished institutions for the benefit of their own time and posterity. For Pioneer and Political Life of Levi Nutting, see Chapter XVII.

## B8-2

### Mary Jones Branch

*Beginning With SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B8-2 MARY NUTTING (JONES)** 7, Levi Nutting 6, John 5. Mary Louise Nutting was the eldest child of Levi Nutting and third wife Luthera (Winter) Nutting. Born Sept. 7, 1858 at Faribault, Minn.; died Aug. 16, 1897, age 38. Married John W. Jones April 5, 1881 of Faribault, Minn.

Mr. Jones for many years was printer and typesetter on the staffs of local newspapers. Later he followed the same occupation in Minneapolis. He is now out of active life and lives with his widowed daughter, Mrs. Edith Jones (Puffer) and her family of small children on Second Avenue, Faribault, Minn.

**CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION**

*Born at Faribault, Minn.*

B8-7 i Edith, b. April 10, 1882; m. Chester Puffer.



- B8- 8 ii Lee Wiot, b. Feb. 5, 1885; d. June 15, 1895.  
 B8- 9 iii Margery, b. Nov. 22, 1887; m. Malcolm Sime.  
 B8-10 iv Willis, b. May 11, 1890; d. Sept. 15, 1912.  
 B8-11 v Fred, b. Oct. 16, 1895; m. Germaine Payant.

**B8-7 EDITH JONES (PUFFER)** 8, Mary Nutting (Jones) 7, Levi Nutting 6, John 5. Edith Evelyn Jones was the eldest child of Mary (Nutting) Jones and husband John W. Jones. Born April 10, 1882 at Faribault, Minn. Married Chester Puffer of Faribault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervine Puffer, Aug. 3, 1908. He died in Faribault, Nov. 25, 1925.

Mr. Puffer was an accountant in Faribault, Minn., where the family has lived except for a short time in Minneapolis after his marriage to Edith Jones. He was in poor health for several years before his death so that for some time before and since, Mrs. Puffer, with the assistance of her father, has been supporting her family of four children by teaching in the Faribault Public Schools.

She is a person of exceptionally fine native talent and womanly qualities, reflecting many of the characteristics of mind and temperament of her Nutting Line of New England ancestry.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- B8-12 i Florence Chestine, b. at Minneapolis, Minn., April 6, 1911, a student.  
 B8-13 ii John Nutting, b. at Faribault, Minn., Aug. 19, 1914, a student.  
 B8-14 iii Willis Irving, b. at Faribault, Minn., July 29, 1917.  
 B8-15 iv Chester Cooley, b. at Faribault, Minn., Feb. 6, 1919.

**B8-9 MARGERY JONES (SIME)** 8, Mary Nutting (Jones) 7, Levi Nutting 6, John 5. Margery Nutting Jones was the third child of Mary (Nutting) Jones and husband John W. Jones. Born Nov. 22, 1887 at Faribault, Minn. Married Malcolm G. Sime of Faribault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Sime. He is Quartermaster of the Shattuck Military School for Boys in Faribault.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Faribault, Minn.*

- B8-16 i Elizabeth Louise, b. March 29, 1916.  
 B8-17 ii Edith Margery, b. June 12, 1925.

**B8-11 FRED JONES** 8, Mary Nutting (Jones) 7, Levi Nutting 6, John 5. Fred Clinton Jones was the fifth child of John and Mary (Nutting) Jones. Born at Faribault, Minn., Oct. 16, 1893. Married Germaine Payant of Faribault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses L. Payant, Oct. 16, 1916. They live in Faribault and Mr. Jones is a foreman at the Faribault Woolen Mills.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Faribault, Minn.*

- B8-18 i Frederick, b. July 17, 1917.  
 B8-19 ii Patrica Mary, b. Sept. 12, 1918.  
 B8-20 iii Richard, b. June 23, 1921.  
 B8-21 iv Thomas John, b. Jan. 12, 1924.

## B8-3

**Clara Alexander Branch** *Beginning SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B8-3** CLARA NUTTING (ALEXANDER) 7, Levi Nutting 6, John 5. Clara Nutting was the second child of Levi Nutting and third wife Luthera (Winter) Nutting. Born Oct. 15, 1859 at Faribault. Married Charles E. Alexander of Horse Shoe Lake, Le Seuer County, Minn. Mr. Alexander is a farmer.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born at Horse Shoe Lake, Minn.*

- B8-22 i George Maynard, b. Jan. 1, 1884; d. March — 1884.  
 B8-23 ii Raymond Nutting, b. May 6, 1885; m. Margaret Burke  
 B8-24 iii Elias Abbott, b. Aug. 17, 1887; d. June 19, 1913.  
 B8-25 iv Arthur West, b. Sept. 26, 1892; m. Rebecca Johnson.  
 B8-26 v George Winter, b. Dec. 27, 1896.

**B8-23** RAYMOND ALEXANDER 8, Clara Nutting (Alexander) 7, Levi Nutting 6, John 5. Raymond Nutting Alexander was the second child of Clara (Nutting) Alexander and husband Charles Alexander. Born May 6, 1885 at Horse Shoe Lake, Minn. Married Margaret Burke of Horse Shoe Lake, Minn., Feb. 15, 1916. Mr. Alexander is a farmer at Golden Valley, Montana.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- B8-27 i Francis Raymond, b. May 7, 1919 at Levina, Mont.  
 B8-28 ii Claire Elizabeth, b. Aug. 4, 1920 at Levina, Mont.  
 B8-29 iii Leona Lucille, b. Nov. 10, 1921 at Waterville, Minn.  
 B8-30 iv Lavnne Lucy (twin with Leona), b. Nov. 10, 1921.

**B8-25** ARTHUR ALEXANDER 8, Clara Nutting (Alexander) 7, Levi Nutting 6, John 5. Arthur West Alexander was the fourth child of Clara (Nutting) Alexander and husband, Charles Alexander. Born Sept. 26, 1892 at Horse Shoe Lake, Minn. Married Rebecca Elizabeth Johnson of Waterville, Minn., Feb. 29, 1924 He is a farmer of Le Sueur County, Minn.

## CHILDREN, NONE

## B8-6

**Winter (Win) Nutting Branch** *Beginning SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B8-6** WINTER NUTTING 7, Levi Nutting 6, John 5. Winter Davis Nutting was the youngest child of Levi Nutting and third wife Luthera (Winter) Nutting. Born Jan. 21, 1869 at Faribault, Minn. Married Jean McKinley of Canada.

He lived in Faribault throughout his youth and received his education in the public schools of the city. For a number of years he was engaged with his father in the milk dairy business. Later he went to Minneapolis where he has maintained his home ever since. He has been connected with the large wholesale drygoods house of Wyman Partridge & Co., for many years as superintendent of the Shipping Department. His widowed mother lived with them all the later years of her life where she died at the age of 97.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

- B8-31 Horace Winter, b. Jan. 1, 1904 at Minneapolis; unm. Civil Engineer at Brownsville, Texas.

## Chapter XIV



B9

*Emily Howe Line*

13 DESCENDANTS



EMILY ANGELINE NUTTING (HOWE)

1821 - 1890

SIXTH GENERATION

NINTH OFFSPRING

*of*

JOHN NUTTING OF SOUTH AMHERST

*AND SECOND WIFE*

CATHERINE (SMITH) NUTTING





## CHAPTER XIV

### B9

#### Emily Howe Line

*Beginning With SIXTH GENERATION*

**B9** EMILY NUTTING (HOWE) 6, John 5. Emily Angeline Nutting was the ninth child of John Nutting and second wife Catherine (Smith) Nutting. Born May 14, 1821 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.; died July 1, 1890 in a railroad accident, age 69; buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Faribault, Minn. Married George G. Howe of Northampton, Mass., May 4, 1854.

#### CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION

*Born at Faribault, Minn.*

- B9-1 i Katherine Julia, b. Nov. 1, 1857; d. Sept. 15, 1865.  
B9-2 ii Mary Nutting, b. Oct. 27, 1860; m. Arthur L. Rogers.  
B9-3 iii Milton Bird (twin with Mary), b. Oct. 27, 1860; d. Feb. 8, 1926; m. Bessie L. Armstrong.

#### Her Life Story

Her life story cannot be better told than by reprinting the letter written by her daughter, Mary Howe Rogers in response to a request by your compiler. Further tribute to her sterling qualities as a teacher and moulder of character of those with whom she came in contact is brought out in the forepart of the book in the South Amherst Homecoming Address by John C. Hammond, one of her pupils.

*The letter follows:—*

Waterville, Wash., April 12, 1925.

My Dear Cousin Walter:

Your letter of March 18, came at a time when I was extremely busy with some outside matters which could not be put off and it has been hard work for me to catch up with myself to a point where I could give you at all a satisfactory reply. You are doing us all a favor in trying to make a record of our family that will be of interest to the coming generations and I do not know of any one else in the family who could do it as well as you can. As to what I remember of what my mother told of her life in Mass. my memories are so fragmentary as to be of little value. She was but thirteen years when her father died and worked in a button factory for a time, but I cannot recall where or how long. My remembrance is that she later attended Wilbraham Academy but as to how long I cannot say nor how or where she began to teach. I do remember hearing her speak of John Hammond as a pupil in whom she took more than the ordinary interest. The verses to which he referred were written by my father. I had them for many years, but when we moved from the farm to town here, they with some of my father's family records were in some way lost. Mother, how-

ever, did not have any talent at versifying, but my father did and wrote many a short rhyme, which, however, he did not consider worth preserving.

Mother was not so much of a singer as others of the family and my earliest recollections of song were those my grandfather Howe used to sing. I will send you a photograph of daguerrotypes of my father and mother taken about the time they were married in 1854. Between times of teaching, my mother kept house for two of her brothers who had lost their wives, Levi, whose wife died leaving him a two weeks old son, Maynard. Mother cared for him until his father's second marriage when Maynard was two years old. After Uncle Porter's second wife died leaving him with three children she was with him until his third marriage. While there she met my father who was learning his trade of brickmaker and mason from my Uncle Porter. They were married in Northampton, May 4, 1854, remaining there until the spring of 1855 when they came to Minnesota, Faribault, in June of that year. They remained there until July, 1890 when they started for Washington to be with my brother and myself. On that journey my mother was killed in a railway accident, and taken to Faribault for interment in Oak Ridge Cemetery, where so many of the family lie. In Faribault their three children, Katherine Julia, Mary Nutting and Milton Bird Howe were born. Katherine died there in 1865. A. L. Rogers and wife (Mary N. Howe) with Milton B. Howe came to Waterville, Wash., where R. and H. have been in the mercantile business ever since. We were pioneers like our fathers and mothers and are still pioneers, our country being still in a state of development. Our town is just one twelfth the size in population of Faribault, only 1000, but a good town to live in, good schools, fine people, fine water and climate. My two daughters are graduates of the U. of W. Emily a B.A. and holds a life certificate as a teacher in the state. Jennie a pharmaceutical chemist with a degree in pharmacy. Jen has two children, Marcella in her tenth year and Stephen in his seventh year. Emily has one daughter Rosemary in her seventh year. So you see I have been a grandmother long enough to be entirely staid and proper.

Jennie Willard told me of your two girls whom I remember as little ones, and Cousin Lizzie Jewett wrote me what dear girls they are. I have no recollection of any serious breach of discipline on your part when you were under my tutelage, but when I recall to your mind that there were also in that room at the same time you were, Edmund Jewett and Fred Nutting, you can guess for yourself how warily I had to walk not to be accused of any partiality.

Milton, who did not marry until he was thirty-seven has a fine family of four children. Their first child a daughter who bears our grandmother Nutting's name, died when but three weeks old. Margaret, the oldest living attended the Agricultural College of Oregon, took a business course, and is in the legal department of the city hall in Spokane, accounted one of their best office women. Lawrence is at the U. of W. in Seattle his first year, taking journalism. George is at Washington Agricultural College at Pullman in the mechanics department. He is a natural mechanic, but not a scholar like the rest. Mary, the youngest, is twelve in June, in

Junior High School, a dear quiet pretty child, a good student and plays the violin very nicely. Bessie, Milton's wife, is a fine pianist and the entire family are singers.

We have enjoyed visits with Jennie Willard and the Jewetts and shall hope to see you and yours sometime. I do not think now that I shall ever go back to Faribault. There are but four relatives left and few friends. Those who made the town home for me are all gone and I have never cared for any place except for the friends there in. We have lived here most of our lives, and I have friends here who are as close to me as if they were kin—indeed they do belong in kinship of spirit. When one looks backward and thinks of all the dear ones gone, the heart turns toward the future hoping that somewhere, sometime we may see again the dear faces “kept in memory.”

My girls and I are members of the John Kendrick Chapter D. A. R. of Wenatchee, the girls having two lines on their father's side as well as on mine and on his side three lines running back to the Mayflower. Jen often laughs over it all and wonders whether her ancestors were lashed to the rigging or trailed behind, says there couldn't possibly have been room for all that came over. Life has not always been easy but it has been good and dear. Al and I are closer as the years go by and we are looking toward the sunset with the hope that we may be able to be busy to the end and when it comes, that we may go together. Our children are a comfort and joy and we count more blessings than anything else in our sixty-six and sixty-five years of living. I hope we may hear from you again. I shall be glad to pay you for the pamphlet concerning the Nutting's for it is only fair if you do all the work of collecting the information, that those who profit by it should share the expense.

Remember me to your wife. She was always so nice to me when I was in Faribault, and to the two dear girls who probably have not the least recollection of “Old Cousin Mary Rogers,” too many more interesting things to hold their memories.

I am glad to have heard from you and hope that the blanks are filled out correctly. There was none for Mary Howe, but that I knew you could fill in without difficulty. Grow as much like your dear father as possible, Walter. There are few enough like him.

With affectionate regards, MARY HOWE ROGERS.

*Life of George G. Howe by his daughter, Mary Howe Rogers*

MR. GEORGE G. HOWE was born in Ira Caynga County, New York in the year 1825. I can tell you very little of his earlier years or how he came to go to Northampton, Mass., where he worked for my mother's brother, Porter Nutting, learning of him the trade of brick making and laying.

He married my mother there and after a year or more they came west where several of her brothers had already located near St. Paul or in the Cannon Valley. They lived at first on a farm on the Cannon Lake Road, but after my grandmother Howe was nearly drowned in the Cannon River, which flowed a few rods from the house, they decided that the risk of bringing up three small children in that spot was too great for their peace of mind, so selling out they moved back into the town of Faribault and for



some years he worked at his trade having a brick yard somewhere on the east side of Straight River.

He had studied surveying and after Richard Jewett came into our family by marrying Lizzie Nutting, they formed a partnership and did government surveying for a number of years. He had charge of land grants for the Great Northern Railroad in Northern Minnesota, Todd County, where your uncle Frank lived so long, up to the time he was obliged to give up active work on account of ill health.

## B9-2

### Mary Rogers Branch

Beginning With SEVENTH GENERATION

**B9-2 MARY NUTTING (ROGERS)** 7, Emily Nutting (Howe) 6, John 5. Mary Nutting Howe (Rogers) was a twin child with brother Milton of Emily (Nutting) Howe and husband George G. Howe. Born Oct. 27, 1860 at Faribault, Minn. Married Albert Luther Rogers of Faribault, Minn.

CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

B9-4 i Emily Alberta, b. Sept. 21, 1888 at Faribault, Minn.; m. Charles S. Valentine.

B9-5 ii Jennie Elizabeth, b. Sept. 8, 1890 at Waterville, Wash.; m. Thomas S. Cole.

Mary Howe (Rogers) was brought up in Faribault and educated in the public schools of the city. For several years along in the 80's and before her marriage she was a most efficient teacher in the Grammar Schools of Faribault. She numbers among her pupils several of her relatives who were of school age living in the city at that time, among them being your compiler, who can testify as to her wonderful force of character inherited from her mother before her. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution—The John Kendrick Chapter of Wenatchee.

Mr. Albert Rogers is a nephew of Major A. B. Rogers, the discoverer of the "Rogers Pass" and was with him at the time of its discovery—as he was through all the years Major Rogers was with the Canadian Pacific Railroad from 1881 to 1885, till the golden spike was driven on Nov. 7, 1885, at Craigellachie—by Sir Donald A. Smith—afterward Lord Strathcon—and the first Trans-Continental Railroad line of Canada was finished.

Mr. Rogers remained with the Canadian Pacific as fuel agent for the Mountain Division until the next spring, when Major Rogers was employed by J. J. Hill to make reconnaissance for the Great Northern Railroad from Sun River, Mont., west to Seattle. His uncle sent for him to accompany him on this work and he remained until the fall of 1887. They located the line very nearly where J. F. Stevens afterwards finally located it. Their work bringing them through this section, Mr. Al Rogers decided to leave railroading and settle here, engaging with his wife's brother Milton in the mercantile business, which he has followed ever since.

*The following extracts from a recent letter Mrs. Rogers wrote me are interesting as touching on people and events of earlier days in Faribault:—*  
Waterville, Wash., Nov. 14, 1927.

Thank you for sending me the copies of the Faribault Daily News.



It seems to me that the old Register from your grandfather's Hotel was almost the only authentic record of the earlier adventurers into the Faribault section of the state and the dates of their coming. Many of the names are familiar to Al. and me, and brought again to memory faces long forgotten, and many incidents of the early days—most of the latter—indeed are remembrances of things told by my parents and Uncle Levi and Aunt Luthera Nutting—living as our families did all through my childhood, next door to each other. This uncle and aunt with their children are part and parcel of all my early recollections. It is such things as this that remind me most sharply of the loss of my beloved brother, for Al's knowledge of my family is wholly confined to what he has known of them since we were married, forty years ago next month. Milton and I were so close to each other in sympathy and tastes and pleasures as well as years that I have the feeling that one of the volumes of my life has been closed not to be opened again.

To come back to the papers—aside from the records of the Hotel, the story written by Mr. Hammer, who of course is strange to me, recalled to us both, men and women long out of mind. I remember hearing my mother tell of occupying that curtained alcove in the upper room of the hotel, and of not feeling specially secluded at that.

There were other familiar names among the local news, I read with interest and sympathy the death of Everett Sanborn. He was older than I, but I knew him as Deacon Sanborn's son and his sister, Mrs. Thompson, I remember well. Deacon and Mrs. Sanborn are among those of the old Baptist Church folks who are one unforgettable part of my church and Sunday School early days.

I noticed that at the Library had been received a book "Loafing through the Pacific," by Seth K. Humphrey. Seth was one of our school mates not a classmate, as he was younger. His two older brothers, Will and Charles, were in the class with Milton and myself. I remember one bond of sympathy, however, between Seth and myself. He in his Latin class and I in mine were the ones whom Prof. Pratt selected as the butt of his criticisms and sarcastic remarks—and he had as sharp a tongue as might be expected of a born and bred New Englander. I was not surprised to know of his being a writer, for he was the keenest of all our students, with a quick wit.

Both the older brothers are gone—indeed it seems now as if Miss Rebecca Mortenson and I are all that I am now sure of in this land of the living of all those old and dear classmates. She and Chestine Gowdy are all of those with whom I taught whom I know anything of. As my birth-place and the place where all my early years were spent, and my school and teaching days as well, Faribault will always hold my interest and affection. Not many of all the numerous relatives are left there and of course, I have kept no track of any but the old ones of my generation and the following one. Lizzie (Jewett) and I correspond frequently—and through her I know of many friends of whom I should not hear at all, otherwise. Cousin Jennie Willard keeps me in touch with our relatives in Faribault, but of many others, almost as dear I know nothing.

Sincerely, Your Cousin, MARY HOWE ROGERS.

**B9-4 EMILY ROGERS (VALENTINE)** 8, Mary Howe (Rogers) 7, Emily Nutting (Howe) 6, John 5. Emily Alberta Rogers was the eldest child of Mary (Howe) Rogers and husband Albert L. Rogers. Born Sept. 21, 1888 in Faribault, Minn. Married Charles Stuart Valentine of Montrose, Scotland.

She is a graduate of the University of Washington with a degree of Bachelor of Arts and holds a life certificate as a teacher in the state. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, The John Kendrick Chapter of Wenatchee. Mr. Valentine is Cashier of the Waterville Washington Bank.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

**B9-6** Rosemary, b. Dec. 17, 1918 at Waterville, Wash.

**B9-5 JENNIE ROGERS (COLE)** 8, Mary Howe (Rogers) 7, Emily Nutting (Howe) 6, John 5. Jennie Elizabeth Rogers was the second child of Mary (Howe) Rogers and husband Albert L. Rogers. Born Sept. 8, 1890 at Waterville, Wash. Married Thomas Stevenson Cole of Tacoma, Washington.

She is a graduate of the University of Washington with a degree in Pharmacy and a pharmaceutical chemist. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, The John Kendrick Chapter of Wenatchee.

Mr. Cole is Credit Man for the Fabes Electric Supply Co.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Waterville, Washington*

**B9-7 i** Marcella Rogers, b. Dec. 15, 1915.

**B9-8 ii** Stephen Albert, b. Jan. 6, 1919.

## B9-3

### Milton Howe Branch

*Beginning With SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B9-3 MILTON HOWE** 7, Emily Nutting (Howe) 6, John 5. John Milton Bird Howe was a twin child with his sister Mary of Emily (Nutting) Howe and husband George G. Howe. Born Oct. 27, 1860 at Faribault, Minn.; died Feb. 8, 1926. Married Bessie Lockwood Armstrong of Spokane, Washington.

He was brought up in Faribault and received his education in the public schools of the city. Late in the 90's he moved to Waterville, Washington and entered into the General Merchandising business with his brother-in-law, Albert L. Rogers, which occupation he followed to the time of his death.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

**B9-9 i** Katherine, b. May 6, 1899 at Waterville, Wash.; d. May 25, 1899.

**B9-10 ii** Margaret, b. April 21, 1900 at Waterville, Wash.

**B9-11 iii** Laurence, b. May 16, 1904 at Waterville, Wash.

**B9-12 iv** George Armstrong, b. July 24, 1905 at Waterville, Wash.

**B9-13 v** Mary Elizabeth, b. June 30, 1913 at Seattle, Wash.

## Chapter XV



B10

### *Emerson Nutting Line*

22 DESCENDANTS (probably more)



EMERSON NUTTING

1824-1848

SIXTH GENERATION

TENTH OFFSPRING

*of*

JOHN NUTTING OF SOUTH AMHERST

*AND SECOND WIFE*

CATHERINE (SMITH) NUTTING

## CHAPTER XV

### B10

#### Emerson Nutting Line

##### SIXTH GENERATION

**B10** EMERSON NUTTING 7, John 5. Emerson Nutting was the tenth child of John Nutting and second wife Catherine (Smith) Nutting. Born May 16, 1824 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.; died Sept. 18, 1848, age 24 (gravestone at So. Amherst). Married Jan. 23, 1846 at Hadley, Harriet Nash, daughter of Luther and Sabra Nash. Born Nov. 4, 1817; died June 15, 1879, age 61.

He was brought up in his father's home at Nuttingville on the Old Bay Road, when at the age of about 17 under date of April 6, 1842 we find in the Old Account Book of his brother Truman:

"Emerson is to work 19 days from this date when his wages for the year will amount to \$66.00."

From this time until his death at age 24, we find many items of Debit and Credit in the old account book showing that he continued living in Nuttingville or thereabouts, and worked more or less continuously for his brother at making plane handles and planes for which he was paid in cash and sundry articles of groceries, wearing apparel, etc. On page 187 we have Emerson's autographic signature wherein it says:—

"April 6, 1844

"This day we the subscribers reckoned and settled by note, book accounts up to date.

Truman Nutting,  
Emerson Nutting."

##### AMHERST RECORDS

###### Marriages

Emerson Nutting 21, single, tool maker, and Harriet Nash, single, 21, Jan. 23, 1845 at Hadley by Rev. B. N. Martin of Hadley; Emerson Nutting of Amherst, son of John and Catherine Nutting; Harriet Nash, daughter of Luther and Sophia Nash. 12:167.

###### Deaths

Sept. 10, 1848 Emerson Nutting, 24 at Amherst; husband, farmer, born Amherst, son of John and Catherine Nutting; dysentery. Amherst 40:89 (*Note W. M. N.—I think the family records and gravestone marking Sept. 18, 1848, the correct date of his death*).

##### CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION

###### Born at South Amherst, Mass.

B10-1 i Marion Emerson, b. Dec. 14, 1846; d. Apr. 14, 1848.

B10-2 ii Harriet Emerson, b. July 23, 1848; d. Jan. 7, 1918; m. Edward Bolter.



## B10-2

**Harriet Bolter Branch***Beginning With SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B10-2 HARRIET NUTTING (BOLTER)** 7, Emerson 6, John 5. Harriet Emerson Nutting (Bolter) was the second child of Emerson Nutting and wife Harriet (Nash) Nutting. Born July 23, 1848; died Jan. 7, 1918, age 69. Married Edward Bolter of South Amherst, Mass., Jan. 7, 1870, son of Ziba and Christina (Pardee) Bolter. They made their home and raised their family of four children in South Amherst.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born at South Amherst, Mass.*

B10-3 i Lillian, b. Sept. 25, 1870; m. Clinton Wales.

B10-4 ii Harrison, b. March 1, 1872; m. Mary Flaherty.

B10-5 iii Leon Maynard, b. Jan. 24, 1874; m. Roxana Heeguard of Minneapolis, Minn.

B10-6 iv Lottie, b. Nov. 1, 1876; m. William Galbraith.

**B10-3 LILLIAN BOLTER (WALES)** 8, Harriet Nutting (Bolter) 7, Emerson 6, John 5. Lillian Harriet Bolter was the eldest child of Harriet (Nutting) Bolter and husband Edward Bolter. Born Sept. 25, 1870 at South Amherst, Mass. Married Clinton Wales of Amherst, Mass., where the family continues to live.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Amherst, Mass.*

B10-7 i Lyle Clinton, b. Nov. 15, 1895; m. Leentine Tiffney.

B10-8 ii Earle Edward, b. Jan. 15, 1899; m. Doris Jay.

B10-9 iii Doris Lillian, b. April 19, 1905; m. Raymond Bagley of Holland, Mass.

**B10-7 LYLE WALES** 9, Lillian Bolter (Wales) 8, Harriet Nutting (Bolter) 7, Emerson Nutting 6, John 5. Lyle Clinton Wales was the eldest child of Lillian (Bolter) Wales and husband Clinton Wales. Born Nov. 15, 1895 at Amherst, Mass. Married Leentine Tiffney of Barkhamstead, Conn.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

B10-10 i Richard, b. April 9, 1916 at So. Amherst, Mass.

B10-11 ii Irwin Lyle, b. May 11, 1922 at Williamsburg, Mass.

B10-12 iii Sherwood Clinton, b. Jan. 14, 1925 at Williamsburg, Mass.

**B10-8 EARLE WALES** 9, Lillian Bolter (Wales) 8, Harriet Nutting (Bolter) 7, Emerson 6, John 5. Earle Clinton Wales was the second child of Lillian (Bolter) Wales and husband Clinton Wales. Born Jan. 15, 1899 at Amherst, Mass. Married Doris Jay of Hadley, Mass.

## CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

B10-13 Stuart Jay, b. Dec. 25, 1923; d. Jan. 1, 1924.

**B10-4 HARRISON BOLTER** 8, Harriet Nutting (Bolter) 7, Emerson 6, John 5. Harrison Edward Bolter was the second child of Harriet (Nutting)

Bolter and husband Edward Bolter. Born March 1, 1872 at South Amherst, Mass. Married Mary Flaherty of Hadley, Mass.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

B10-14 i Carl Harold, b. Sept. 14, 1897 at Amherst, Mass.; m. Pauline Hallett.

B10-15 ii Myrtle Irene, b. July 6, 1900 at Amherst, Mass.; m. Leo Desotell.

B10-16 iii Ralph Nutting, b. April 8, 1902 at Springfield, Mass.

**B10-14 CARL BOLTER** 9, Harrison Bolter 8, Harriet Nutting (Bolter) 7, Emerson 6, John 5. Carl Harold Bolter was the eldest child of Harrison Bolter and wife Mary (Flaherty) Bolter. Born Sept. 14, 1897 at Amherst, Mass. Married Pauline Frances Hallett of Northampton, Mass., where they live.

B10-17 Carl Harold Bolter, Jr., b. May 4, 1922 at Northampton, Mass.

**B10-15 MYRTLE BOLTER (DESOTELL)** 9, Harrison Bolter 8, Harriet Nutting (Bolter) 7, Emerson 6, John 5. Myrtle Irene Bolter was the second child of Harrison Bolter and wife Mary (Flaherty) Bolter. Born July 6, 1900 at Amherst, Mass. Married Leo Albert Desotell of Springfield, Mass., where they continue to live.

CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

B10-18 Leo Albert, Jr., b. Jan. 11, 1924 at Springfield, Mass.

**B10-5 LEON BOLTER** 8, Harriet Nutting (Bolter) 7, Emerson 6, John 5. Leon Maynard Bolter was the third child of Harriet (Nutting) Bolter and husband Edward Bolter. Born Jan. 24, 1874. Married Roxana Heeguard of Minneapolis, Minn.

It is understood they lived in Minneapolis at one time and that he was connected with some bank of the city.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

If there were any, they have not been verified.

**B10-6 LOTTIE BOLTER (GALBRAITH)** 8, Harriet Nutting (Bolter) 7, Emerson 6, John 5. Lottie Louise Bolter was the fourth child of Harriet (Nutting) Bolter and husband Edward Bolter. Born Nov. 1, 1876 at South Amherst, Mass. Married William A. Galbraith of Charlemont, Mass., where they continued to live.

To Mrs. Bolter we are indebted for most of the information concerning the Emerson Nutting Line.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Charlemont, Mass.*

B10-19 i Donald Bolter, b. Oct. 30, 1899; m. Gladys Charlotte Tower. of Chicopee, Mass., Sept. 4, 1926.

B10-20 ii Herman William, b. Oct. 26, 1901.

B10-21 iii Leo Lake, b. Dec. 11, 1903.

B10-22 iv Barbara Louise, b. Dec. 1, 1908.

## Chapter XVI



B11

*Catherine Bishop Line*

37 DESCENDANTS



**CATHERINE MARIA NUTTING (BISHOP)**

**1829-1905**

**SIXTH GENERATION**



**"REAL DAUGHTER"—BRONZE TABLET**

Dedicated to her memory May 27, 1928 by MOTTOON CHAPTER D. A. R. and placed on her gravestone in Old South Amherst Cemetery.





## CHAPTER XVI

### B11

#### Catherine (Aunt Kate) Bishop Line

*Beginning With SIXTH GENERATION*

**B11 CATHERINE NUTTING (BISHOP)** 6, John 5. Catherine Maria Nutting was the eleventh and youngest child of John Nutting and second wife Catherine (Smith) Nutting. Born Nov. 2, 1829 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass., on the Old Bay Road; died Sept. 19, 1905, age 75 years; married April 9, 1848, Henry Bishop, son of Arnold and Sarah Bishop of Belchertown; born Jan. 18, 1823; died Sept. 16, 1897; both buried in South Amherst Cemetery.

*CHILDREN, SEVENTH GENERATION*

*Born at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.*

- B11-1 i Lauriston Henry, b. Feb. 17, 1849; m. Nellie Mather.  
B11-2 ii Elmer Louis, b. Oct. 4, 1850; d. Feb. 25, 1922; m. Alta Powers.  
B11-3 iii Emily Catherine, b. July 19, 1854; m. Dwight Thayer.

Mr. Bishop was a farmer and the family always lived at Nuttingville. Mrs. Emily Thayer, the youngest daughter says, Feb. 19, 1929:—

"All I remember about Grandmother Catherine Nutting is that she lived with father and mother in the old John Nutting home on the Bay Road opposite the little Methodist Church at the corner of the roads where you took some pictures when I was with you and your folks in 1925.

"She (Grandmother Catherine), was blind and I remember, as a little girl, of leading her around. She lived there until she died (1863).

"The Henry Bishop place is the first house west of where I live on the south side of the Bay Road. Father and mother both died there. After mother died the place was sold and when my daughter Mary married Paul Wheelock, they bought it and they still live there."

Catherine Bishop, up to the time of her death in 1905, was the principal representative left of the Nutting Tribe at Nuttingville. Since that time her daughter Emily Bishop (Thayer) and her son and daughter have lived at the little Hamlet continuously, keeping alive the family history and traditions down to the present time.

Catherine Nutting (Bishop) was twice honored as "ONE REAL DAUGHTER" by the Mattoon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of South Amherst.

April 19, 1903 she received the "Emblem of honor "GOLD SPOON" and May 27, 1928 a BRONZE TABLET was dedicated to her memory and placed on her gravestone in the Old South Amherst Cemetery.

#### AMHERST TOWN RECORDS

Catherine M. Bishop, maiden name, Catherine Maria Bishop; died at Amherst, Mass.; residence, Amherst, age 72 yr. 9 m., 17 d.; died Sept.

19, 1905; widowed; husband's name, Henry Bishop; birthplace, Amherst. Name of father, John Nutting, birthplace of father, England. Maiden name of mother, Maria Smith, birthplace of mother, Shutesbury. Physician, H. G. Rockwell, attended deceased, Sept. 16-19, 1905. Cause of death, primary, apoplexy; contributory, exhaustion. Informant E. D. Marsh, undertaker. Buried Sept. 24, 1905, South Amherst. Filed Sept. 23, 1905; Deaths 1905, Vol. 2, p. 59.

Henry Bishop, single 25, farmer, residence Belchertown, son of Arnold and Sarah Bishop; married Catheline M. Nutting, South Amherst, April 9, 1848 by Rev. Ebenezer Nutting, South Amherst; bride, single; residence, Amherst; daughter of John and Catherine Nutting. 30:175.

*Note W.M.N.—The age of Catherine Bishop, the birthplace of father and name and birthplace of mother do not correspond with the Family Records. I consider Family Records more authentic than Town Records as a rule.*

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Springfield Sunday Union  
April 19, 1903

### ONE REAL DAUGHTER

Mrs. Katherine M. Bishop of South Amherst  
Has Received Gold Spoon.

THE one real daughter, now living, belonging to the Mary Mattoon chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Amherst, is Mrs. Katherine M. Bishop of South Amherst. She was notified of her election to membership in the chapter, Nov. 20, 1901, and shortly after she received from the officers of the national organization a gold spoon which is the emblem of honor conferred upon the "real daughters" of soldiers of the American Revolution. Mrs. Hannah S. Williams, the wife of Marquis F. Dickinson, was also a real daughter, belonging to the Amherst chapter. Her death occurred in March, 1900.

Mrs. Bishop is the widow of Henry Bishop. She lives in the home-stand on the Bay Road beyond East Street on the slope of the Mt. Holyoke range. Her only daughter, Mrs. Emily Thayer, the wife of Dwight Thayer, lives in the immediate vicinity. Her two sons are no longer residents of Amherst. Elmer resides in the State of Washington, and Lauriston in Westhampton.

Mrs. Bishop was born in 1829. Her father, John Nutting, was born April 21, 1762, in Cambridge and died July 28, 1834, in South Amherst. His father died at sea. After his father's death, John at the age of four years was brought to Northampton to find a home among friends. When he was nine years old he heard the bells ringing calling the minute men to arms. From that time on his interest in the war continued to grow. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Continental Army in spite of the opposition of his relatives and served nine months, at Ticonderoga and elsewhere. He was enrolled July 14, 1779, and was discharged April 14, 1780. He was credited to the quota from Hampshire county and was assigned to the 12th Regt. Col. Chapin commanded the regiment and Capt. J. Cooper the company. The juvenile soldier was not only young in years

but also short of stature. His height is given as 5 feet, 4 inches and his complexion dark.

After the war he married and settled in South Amherst, living in the house still standing on the Bay Road facing East Street. His oldest son, George, became one of the leading citizens of the town. He married for his second wife, Katherine Smith, who bore him 11 children, Ebenezer, Esther, Truman, Lucretia, Freeman, Porter, Leonard, Levi, Emily, Emerson and Katherine. Porter was born Jan. 14, 1814, in South Amherst. In 1833 he went to Akron, O. He was a "free soiler," and represented his district in the Legislature. Truman when a minor of 18, paid his father \$45 for his time to his majority and set out for himself. Levi went West to seek his fortune. In January, 1853, he reached St. Paul, Minn. He went on to Faribault, where May 13 of the same year he saw a camp of Sioux Indians in full possession. Nevertheless he staked out a government claim of 160 acres which he took possession of on his return in 1855. He won a leading position in the new country, and became a State senator, surveyor general and the recipient of many honors. Ebenezer was a Methodist preacher. The family gave name to the hamlet still known as Nuttingville in the Southern part of Amherst.

The eleventh child of her mother and the twelfth of her father, reared among such a long family of brothers and sisters, Katherine Nutting Bishop is well worthy of the honor of being the recipient of the gold spoon and the recognized real daughter of the Revolution.

Although only 74 years old, yet at the beginning of the 20th century she can remember events occurring in the first third of the 19th century, and what her father told her of the occurrences of the last of the 18th century. While her great grandson, Dwight Henry Thayer, now nearly a year old, should he live to a good old age may hand down the traditions of the Revolutionary period to the close of the present century.

There is much rivalry among the States and different chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution as to which one has the youngest "real daughter." The article in last Sunday's Union from Pittsfield in which Peace Party chapter of that city claims the youngest "real daughter" has brought a contradiction from Mercy Warren chapter of this city.

Five years ago Connecticut claimed her in the person of Martha Jane Hollister of East Hartford, who was then more than 60 years of age. At that time Mercy Warren chapter proved that it had this honor of having the youngest "real daughter." A year ago Vermont boasted the honor of having the youngest "real daughter" in the United States. She was Mrs. Almira Bannister Mason of Poultney, who was then 80 years old.

Again this was corrected by Mercy Warren chapter and it was shown that Mrs. Victoria Rockwell Blanchard is the youngest "real daughter."

Her father, Jeremiah Rockwell, was born July 19, 1756. He enlisted when 19 years of age, July 20, 1775. Beginning his career at Bunker Hill, he served in the Revolutionary War until Oct. 23, 1781. He was married three times, the third time being July 17, 1834, and he was the father of 20 children by these marriages. He was 87 years old when his



youngest daughter Victoria Rockwell was born, May 24, 1841, which makes her 62 years old next May.

She remembers distinctly when she was 10 and 11 years of age, her father would recite to her his army experiences. She was 11 years old at the time of his death, which occurred at Brandon, N. J., Aug. 28, 1852, in his 97th year.

March 19, 1927. Copied from newspaper article furnished by Mrs. Emily Thayer, So. Amherst, Mass., and loaned to W. M. Nutting. The account of the birth and ancestry of John Nutting in this article savors of that given by Rev. John Keep Nutting in his *Nutting Genealogy*, published in 1908 although the article was written 5 years before.—W.M.N.

From Amherst, Mass. Newspaper

### **Amherst D. A. R. Dedicates Tablet**

Memory of "Real Daughter" of Revolution, Mrs. Catherine Bishop  
Honored—Several Relatives Are Present.

AMHERST, May 27, 1928—Members of the Mary Mattoon chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution, dedicated a bronze tablet to the memory of Mrs. Catherine Bishop, a Real daughter of the Revolution, in the South Amherst cemetery this afternoon. At 3 P. M. Reno Smith of the South Amherst troop of Boy Scouts sounded taps, after which Evelyn Thayer, great-great-granddaughter of Mrs. Bishop, unveiled the marker. This was followed by a paper prepared by Mrs. Ether Sadwell, historian of the chapter, but read by Mrs. May G. Smith, registrar and custodian, on account of Mrs. Cadwell's absence.

Mrs. Smith read selections of memorial poems of James Russell Lowell, followed by her introduction to the paper which was in part: "It is with pleasure that we, Mary Mattoon chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, relatives, neighbors and friends, gather here today to honor the memory of one who was a Real Daughter of the American Revolution, and to place on her grave this marker which we hope will endure throughout the ages and serve to recall to her children and grandchildren, as well as others, the story of one whose father fought for our freedom and gave to us this beautiful country which we call America.

"Miss Catherine Nutting, born in 1829, was the youngest of 11 children, and her father, who served his country in the Revolution, was 67 years of age when she was born. He died when his daughter was a little girl of five years. His home, snugly nestled under the Mt. Holyoke range, was always in Amherst on the Bay Road. The hamlet was given the name of Nuttingville and still bears that name. When about 18 years of age she married Henry Bishop, a young farmer, 25 years old.

"Mrs. Bishop's father was John Nutting, who was born in Cambridge, April 21, 1762, and died in South Amherst, July 28, 1834. At the age of four years he was brought to Northampton, where a home was found for him with friends. When nine years of age he heard the bells ringing, calling the Minute Men to arms, and from that time on his interest in the war continued to grow, and at the age of 17 he enlisted in the Continental Army and served nine months at Ticonderoga and elsewhere.



He was assigned to the 12th regiment under Col. Chapin. Mr. Nutting was not only young in years, but small of stature, measuring only five feet, four inches.

"After the war he married and settled in South Amherst, on the Bay Road. For his second wife he married Catherine Smith by whom he had 11 children.

"Mrs. Bishop was made an honorary member of Mary Mattoon chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in November, 1901, when she was 72 years old, and shortly after she received a gold spoon from the officers of the national organization. This spoon is the emblem of honor conferred upon the Real Daughters of soldiers of the American Revolution. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Bishop, although young when he father died, could recall some of the occurrences of the 18th century told to her by her father, and could also remember many of the events of the early 19th century. She was of a quiet disposition, not given to society but devoting herself to her home. She was a loving wife and mother, looking well to the ways of her household and welcoming all who came within her gates. This is the woman that we honor today and upon whose grave we place this marker."

Relatives of Mrs. Bishop who were present at the dedication ceremonies were her daughter, Mrs. Emily Thayer of South Amherst, a granddaughter, Miss Clara Belle Thayer of Hartford, a married granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheelock of South Amherst, and a great-great-granddaughter, little Miss Evelyn Thayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Thayer of South Amherst.

Following the ceremony the South Amherst troop of Boy Scouts led the singing of America, after which prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Hawley, and taps sounded. The other Real Daughter in Amherst to have such a marker was Mrs. Hannah Dickinson, whose grave was marked two years ago in the Wildwood cemetery.

*Poem by James Russell Lowell*

Read at the

Dedication of Bronze Tablet on Gravestone of Catherine Nutting (Bishop)

"WHAT MARVELOUS CHANGE OF THINGS AND MEN"

*Why cometh we hither today*

*To this little village of the plain*

*Far from the Present's loud highway,*

*From Trade's cool heart and seething brain?*

*Men's monuments, grown old, forget the names they should eternize,*

*But the place where shining souls have passed*

*Imbibes a grace beyond mere earth.*

*'Tis here her fondest memories stay*

*She loved yon pine bemurmured ridge.*

*Here where we stand, stood she, the pure,*

*Once known to men as pious, learned, just.*

And memory greets with Reverential kiss  
 No spot in all thy circuit sweet as this,  
 Touched by that modest glory as it passed,  
 On which yon elm was piously displayed  
 This hundred years its monumental shade.

Think you these felt no charms  
 In their gray homesteads and embowered farms?  
 In household faces waiting at the door,  
 In trees their fathers hands had set,  
 And which with them had grown,  
 Widening each year their leafy coronet?

Answer ye hillsides and dells;  
 Bow all ye people!  
 That we may praise without fear  
 Her our delight, our desire.  
 At least she is our own to-day.  
 Break into rapture, my song,  
 Verses, leap forth in the sun,  
 Bearing the joyance along  
 Like a train of fire as ye run!  
 Pause not for choosing of words,  
 Let them but blossom and sing  
 Blithe as the orchards and birds  
 With the new coming of spring.

## B11-1

### Lauriston Bishop Branch

Beginning With SEVENTH GENERATION

**B11-1** LAURISTON BISHOP 7, Catherine Nutting (Bishop) 6, John 5. Lauriston Henry Bishop was the eldest child of Catherine (Nutting) Bishop and husband Henry Bishop. Born Feb. 17, 1849 at Nuttingville, Mass. Married Nellie Mather of Belchertown, Mass. Lived in Northampton, Mass., where their family was raised.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born in Northampton, Mass.*

- B11-4 i Lena A., b. Dec. 7, 1871; d. March 31, 1874.  
 B11-5 ii Sarah L., b. June 15, 1876; m. John Duffy.  
 B11-6 iii May R., b. March 22, 1879; m. Joseph De Lisle.  
 B11-7 iv Leon, b. April 16, 1884; m. Delima Leveque.  
 B11-8 v Carlton M., b. Jan. 17, 1893; m. Evelyn Moran.

**B11-5** SARAH BISHOP (DUFFY) 8, Lauriston Bishop 7, Catherine Nutting (Bishop) 6, John 5. Sarah Louise Bishop was the second child of Lauriston Bishop and wife Nellie (Mather) Bishop. Born June 15, 1876 at Northampton. Married John Duffy of Northampton.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

- B11-9 Vera, b. Oct. 23, 1899.

**B11-6** MAY BISHOP (DE LISLE) 8, Lauriston Bishop 7, Catherine Nutting (Bishop) 6, John 5. May Ruggles Bishop was the third child of Lauriston and Nellie Bishop. Born March 22, 1879 at Northampton, Mass. Married Joseph De Lisle of Southampton, Mass., where they continued to live.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Southampton, Mass.*

B11-10 i Clifford I., b. Nov. 27, 1904.

B11-11 ii Helen M., b. Feb. 8, 1914.

**B11-7** LEON BISHOP 8, Lauriston Bishop 7, Catherine Nutting (Bishop) 6, John 5. Leon Boyden Bishop was the fourth child of Lauriston and Nellie Bishop. Born April 16, 1884 at Northampton, Mass. Married Delima Rose Levecque. They live in Holyoke and he is a millworker.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Holyoke, Mass.*

B11-12 i Alcide E., b. May 19, 1916.

B11-13 ii Rose D., b. Aug. 4, 1917.

B11-14 iii Leon A., b. Aug. 3, 1918.

**B11-8** CARL BISHOP 8, Lauriston Bishop 7, Catherine Nutting (Bishop) 6, John 5. Carlton Mather Bishop was the fifth child of Lauriston and Nellie Bishop. Born Jan. 17, 1893 at Northampton, Mass. Married Evelyn Rose Moran. They live in Southampton and he is a brickmaker.

CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Southampton, Mass.*

B11-15 i Elmer, b. July 17, 1915.

B11-16 ii Charles E., b. Aug. 17, 1917.

B11-17 iii Lillian M., b. Sept. 26, 1921.

B11-18 iv Ida M., b. Sept. 28, 1922.

B11-19 v Ethel A., b. March 15, 1926.

## B11-2

### Elmer Bishop Branch

*Beginning With SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B11-2** ELMER BISHOP 7, Catherine (Nutting) Bishop 6, John 5. Elmer Louis Bishop was the second child of Catherine (Nutting) Bishop and husband Henry Bishop. Born Oct. 4, 1850 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.; died Feb. 25, 1922 at White Bluffs, Wash., age 71 years. Married Alta Powers of Waterville, Wash., April 1, 1900. She died Oct. 1, 1922.

CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born at Waterville, Wash.*

B11-20 i Nellie F., b. March 20, 1901; m. George Harrington.

B11-21 ii Arthur, b. May 9, 1904; m. Tressa Crozier.

Sometime in the 80's, when he was a comparatively young man in his 30's he lived at his uncle Truman's home in Faribault, Minn., and was

engaged in the sorghum growing and manufacturing business with a man by the name of Jordan, under the firm name of Bishop and Jordan.

He later moved to Waterville, Washington State where he married and had his family. From 1911 until the time of his death they lived at White Bluffs, Wash., where Mr. Bishop was engaged in fruit ranching.

Following are extracts from a letter received by your compiler from Mr. Bishop's daughter, Mrs. Nellie Bishop (Harrington).

White Bluffs, Wash.,  
March 28, 1928.

I think I am right in calling you cousin, am I not? Your letter received and I have tried to answer all your questions on the data sheet. I want to write a few lines also about my father and his business here in White Bluffs.

We moved here from Waterville, Wash. in the spring of 1911 when I was a little girl of ten years. My father bought a twenty acre fruit ranch, mostly winesap apple trees. We were very happy until my father died on Feb. 25, 1922. He wasn't very well the winter before he passed on but his death was a terrible shock. He only lived about eight hours after we found him unconscious in bed one morning. He passed away as he always said he wanted to "just go to sleep—never to wake up." My mother died on the first day of October the same year.

I was married in 1919 on May 28, to George Harrington of White Bluffs. We have two fine boys, George, Jr., who will be eight years old on April 17th, and Marvin who was four years old last Jan 20th. My mother and father never lived to see Marvin but they though George, Jr., was the only baby on earth as grandparents usually do. My husband is in the Transfer business just now and we are doing very nicely.

Arthur, my brother, is also married and lives in Seattle with his family. He was married in August, 1924 to a young lady of Seattle. His wife's name before marriage was Tressa Crozier. They have two children, the oldest a girl named Betty Lauraine, and the younger, a boy, Thommy Louis.

You asked if I knew the Howes and Rogers. Yes, I know them well. We were up to Waterville two years ago and spent two weeks with Mrs. Howe and family. Mr. Howe as you know, died some time ago. The Howes have a lovely home in Waterville, but at the present time they are living in Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have a wonderful big home in Waterville also.

Your Cousin,  
NELLIE BISHOP HARRINGTON.

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**B11-20** NELLIE BISHOP (HARRINGTON) 8, Elmer Bishop 7, Catherine Nutting (Bishop) 6, John 5. Nellie Frances Bishop was the eldest child of Elmer Bishop and wife Alta (Power) Bishop. Born March 20, 1901. Married May 28, 1919, George Harrington of White Bluffs, Wash.

Mr. Harrington is in the Transfer business in White Bluffs where the family resides.



## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at White Bluffs, Wash.*

B11-22 i George Sylvester, b. April 17, 1920.

B11-23 ii Marvin Bishop, b. Jan. 20, 1924.

**B11-21** ARTHUR BISHOP 8, Elmer Bishop 7, Catherine Nutting (Bishop) 6, John 5. Arthur Bishop was the second and youngest child of Elmer and Alta Bishop. Born May 9, 1904 at Waterville, Wash. Married Tressa Crozier of Seattle, Wash. They live in Seattle, Wash.

## CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born in Seattle, Wash.*

B11-24 i Betty Lauraine, b. ———.

B11-25 ii Thommy Louis, b. ———.

## B11-3

## Emily Thayer Branch

*Beginning With SEVENTH GENERATION*

**B11-3** EMILY BISHOP (THAYER) 7, Catherine Nutting (Bishop) 6, John 5. Emily Catherine Bishop was the third and youngest child of Catherine (Nutting) Bishop and husband Henry Bishop. Born July 19, 1854 at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass. Married Dwight Thayer of South Amherst, Mass., Feb. 14, 1871; born Oct. 15, 1842, now deceased.

Emily Thayer is one of the youngest of the grandchildren of John Nutting of South Amherst. She has always lived at the little hamlet called Nuttingville on the Old Bay Road and now lives with her son Charles in a quaint brick house on the north side of the road, formerly called the Alvah Robbins place, shown elsewhere in the book, Chapter IV.

Feb. 19 1929 Mrs. Thayer says:—"I lived 8 years at home with father and mother at the old Bishop place and then was married, and came here to live 58 years ago this month."

She and her descendants are the only ones left at Nuttingville as representatives of the once thriving colony of Nuttings and their relatives who inhabited this particular part of the Old Bay Road from the time of John Nutting its founder back in 1787 to along in the early 50's when the colony had reached its zenith as to numbers and from that time began to disintegrate to other parts of the country.

To Emily Thayer we are largely indebted for first hand information concerning the early beginnings of the John Nutting of South Amherst Branch of the tribe of NUTTINGS in AMERICA and to her children and children's children will be left largely the privilege and distinction of perpetuating its history and traditions at their source.

## CHILDREN, EIGHTH GENERATION

*Born at Nuttingville, Bay Road, South Amherst, Mass.*

B11-26 i Alvah R., b. June 14, 1871; d. May 9, 1905.

B11-27 ii Catherine M., b. March 9, 1873; d. Jan. 8, 1877.

B11-28 iii Charles H., b. July 26, 1875.

B11-29 iv Pearl E., b. Nov. 5, 1877; m. Lilla Bryant.

B11-30 v Carrie-belle E., b. July 9, 1880; unm. and employed in an office in Hartford, Conn.

B11-31 vi Mary L., b. Nov. 20, 1883; m. Paul Wheelock.

**B11-29** PEARL THAYER 8, Emily Bishop (Thayer) 7, Catherine Nutting (Bishop) 6, John 5. Pearl Elmer Thayer was the fourth child of Emily (Bishop) Thayer and husband Dwight Thayer. Born Nov. 5, 1877 at Nuttingville, Mass. Married Lilla Bryant of Gorham, Maine.

They live about a mile west of Nuttingville on the Bay Road toward Northampton, where Mr. Thayer does farming on the slopes of the Holyoke Mountains as did his great grandfather John Nutting a hundred years ago.

#### CHILDREN, NINTH GENERATION

*Born at Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass.*

B11-32 i Dwight H., b. April 30, 1902; m. Grace Homans.

B11-33 ii Elmer B., b. Dec. 20, 1904.

B11-34 iii Margaret E., b. Oct. 4, 1906.

B11-35 iv Lilian P., b. March 28, 1910.

**B11-32** DWIGHT THAYER 9, Pearl Thayer 8, Emily Bishop (Thayer) 7, Catherine Nutting (Bishop) 6, John 5. Dwight H. Thayer was the eldest child of Pearl Thayer and wife Lilla Bryant. Born April 30, 1902 at Nuttingville, Mass. Married Grace Homans.

They live in South Amherst, Mass., and he is in the poultry business.

#### CHILDREN, TENTH GENERATION

*Born at South Amherst, Mass.*

B11-36 i Evelyn Jean, b. Sept. 28, 1920.

B11-37 ii Edward Dwight, b. April 9, 1926.

**B11-31** MARY THAYER (WHEELOCK) 8, Emily Bishop (Thayer) 7, Catherine Nutting (Bishop) 6, John 5. Mary Louise Thayer was the sixth and youngest child of Emily Thayer and husband Dwight Thayer. Born Nov. 20, 1883 at Nuttingville, Mass. Married Paul L. Wheelock of Hartford, Conn.

They live at Nuttingville on the Old Bay Road in the old Henry Bishop place on the south side of the road and shown elsewhere in the illustrated section of this book. This was the old home of Catherine Nutting (Bishop) youngest daughter of John Nutting and grandmother of Mary Wheelock.

#### CHILDREN, NONE

## Chapter XVII



### *Pioneer Days of Nuttings in <sup>Minnesota</sup> America*

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## CHAPTER XVII

### Four Nutting Brothers

MINNESOTA TERRITORY 1852-5

THERE has been found considerable information, which we are pleased to print herewith, setting forth more or less in detail, the life, associations and activities of the early NUTTING PIONEERS—back in the early 50's—in parts of Minnesota which have since become important business and agricultural sections of the GREAT NORTHWEST.

St. Paul, 12 miles below the Falls was the head of navigation for large boats and the main river traffic of those days, while St. Anthony, named after the great St. Anthony Falls, was the beginnings of what was destined to be the metropolitan city of Minneapolis of today.

The steamboats up the Mississippi River as the only means of transportation into the country except by prairie schooner was a formidable attraction to the prospective pioneer settler from inland New England and other parts of the country.

To the lure of the steamboat and its destination succumbed at least four of the staid and sedate Nuttings of old Nuttingville, Massachusetts. Four brothers, Freeman, Levi, Truman, and Porter, acting on the impulse of the "Western Fever Wave" that was sweeping the country at that period in the history of our country, determined about the same time to "Go West" and some to stay and "Grow up with the Country."

#### **Rev. Freeman Nutting (B5) St. Anthony, St. Paul, 1852-53** MINNESOTA TERRITORY

FREEMAN was the first to arrive in the new "Land of Promise" where he hoped to regain his health. He spent the winter of 1852-3 in and about St. Paul and St. Anthony living out-of-doors most of the time and taking long tramps into the back country.

The summer of 1853 he returned to Nuttingville for his family of wife and four little girls, coming back to Minnesota again that fall and taking up a residence at St. Anthony. In December that same winter he died and was buried in the village cemetery in what is now Northeast Minneapolis. (See picture of St. Anthony herewith).

The family came to Faribault with that of Truman Nutting the spring of 1855, Freeman's wife having married Truman after the decease of his wife Lucinda.

#### EXTRACTS FROM FREEMAN NUTTING'S LETTERS

Itasca M. T. 25 miles north  
of St. Anthony, Feb. 5, 1853.

"I am feeling very well for me this morning, indeed I have felt better since I have been in the territory than for a year before. . . . Never have I seen so fine a winter, with so little suffering from cold as since I came to



this climate, notwithstanding its cold. Today is the coldest that his yet been. The thermometer stood this morning at 32 degrees below zero and yet so clear and dry and still is the atmosphere that you would not believe that it was so cold. I left St. Paul a week ago yesterday for St. Anthony, and have been working up the river till I have at last got to a Mr. Kelley's 2 miles north of this place. Mr. Kelley is three years from Boston, is finely situated, a New England house finished and furnished, carpets, sofas, red and white curtains, books, newspapers, pamphlets, etc. I can hardly believe I am out of New England. I have no wish to return to New England but should be extremely glad to have my family here. This country appeals to me more and more desirable as a place of residence. I am contented and enjoy myself in hope—because I believe I am where duty calls. I hope to make good preparations for the colony. I have not heard from you since Jan. 1st but hope to when I return to St. Paul which will be sometime next week. I walked, day before yesterday, from Rum River to this place, nine miles, was tired but it did me good."

*Saturday afternoon 3 o'clock.*

"I have just returned from an exploring expedition up the Crow River, have traveled some six miles in company with the elder and younger Messrs. Kelley. A beautiful walk with beautiful scenery, we went on the ice, with one of the brightest sunshines and stillest heavens you ever saw. Just cool enough for comfort walking, the thermometer falling all day. Visited an Indian village and went for the first time into an Indian "teepee" or house. It was nicely made, and everything so neat and orderly, that it seemed quite homelike. I drank some water, smoked a pipe made from the red pipe stone of the west part of the Territory, sat and warmed and rested us and decamped. Saw and shook hands with "Winnersheik" the head chief of the Winnebagoes, a small, but bright, smart Indian. He has three wives, and any amount of young Indians. He with two of his squaws were grading down the high bank of the Crow river to make a road to his sugar lodge, which we visited back in the woods. Here are on the Crow river perhaps millions of the sugar maple. What say you to my claim 160 acres of them for sugar purposes. Oh, the wealth that surrounds one on every side in this country waiting for men to come and take it. But it will not wait long. The head of the column of the long line of claimants will soon be seen approaching St. Paul, urged on by the iron giant and soon as by magic, the vast regions of wealth will resound with din and hum of American enterprise and American industry.

"Tell Henry Bishop (B-11) to come on here the first boat and see the wealth and health offered him, if he make a league and vow that he never will come here to live.

"The Mail is off. More anon.

Affect. F. Nutting."

St. Paul M. T., April 11, '53, Monday afternoon.

Beloved Wife and Children,

"As I lay musing on scenes far away, before daylight this morning, I heard the puffs of a steamer, which proved to be the West Newton. So navigation is opened and we shall have boats thicker and faster. An

immense mail was brought in here which has been accumulating for weeks below. By it, one from you of March 27, you inform me you are packing up and are to be here and there, so our correspondence is to be as uncertain as ever for ought I can see. I promised Saturday to answer two others I received March 5th and 12th. I have written all sorts of things to you, till really don't know what to write next. Should my health continue to improve as fast as it did in March in the shanty, I should be able to do something. I think I shall but I don't know the future, enough to do here."

"The spring has been indescribably fine here and I have improved all the time. My weight is 144 pounds. I thought I had gained more, but think my tramp of three days took off my flesh. I am now feeling pretty well, I have increasing hopes from this climate. . . ."

"I presume you might find a plenty of work to do sewing for the multitude of single men here. . . .

F. Nutting."

### **General Levi Nutting (B8) at St. Anthony**

MINNESOTA TERRITORY 1853-'55

GEN. LEVI was the next brother to make his way alone overland to the Mississippi River, then by boat to St. Paul in the early spring of 1853. He doubtless met his brother Freeman and we do know that he soon made the acquaintance of Luke Hulett and they with a party of other Location Seekers made an investigation trip to "The Cannon River Country," arriving in Faribault on May 15, 1853.

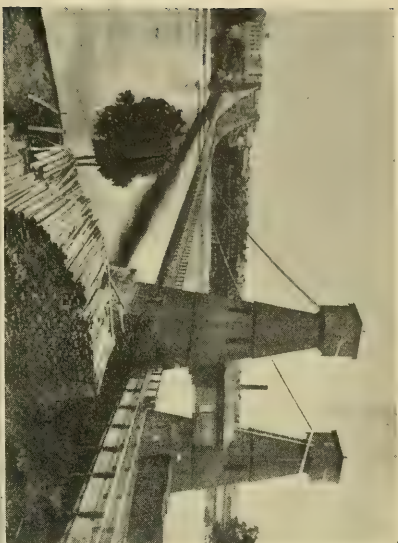
After three weeks he returned to St. Anthony and for about a year and a half he was engaged in various occupations. It is told that he obtained the contract for hauling the iron and steel for the new Suspension Bridge then building in the summer of 1854, (see picture herewith). The haul was from the Boat Landing at St. Paul across the country a distance of about 12 miles to the bridge site just above the St. Anthony Falls. The teaming was done by John Nutting, son of Truman, with the "Pony" Team which had brought the Truman Nutting family west the spring of that same year.

Levi finally went to Faribault in the spring of 1855 and located permanently with his family in 1857. (His experiences on a trip to Faribault in Mid-winter Jan. 1855, are vividly told in the narrative entitled: "Faribault in Olden Time," herein).

GEN, LEVI NUTTING (B-8) FARIBAULT, RICE COUNTY,  
MINNESOTA TERRITORY, 1853

### **PIONEER LIFE OF LEVI NUTTING IN RICE COUNTY**

THE narrative of the trip made by LEVI NUTTING and party from St. Paul to Faribault in the spring of 1853 as told in early write ups on Luke Hulett and Levi Nutting is interesting, especially in contrast with our present day system of cement highways and speedy automobiles whereby this distance of some fifty odd miles is easily covered in an hour and a half.



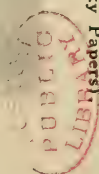
Left—looking East  
FIRST SUSPENSION BRIDGE OVER MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
connecting MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. ANTHONY  
Erected 1854—Opened January 23, 1856

Below—looking north  
Early Sketch

MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT ST. ANTHONY FALLS  
St. Anthony Town and University Grounds at right.

Minneapolis Village at left.  
First Suspension Bridge connecting the two.  
Steamboat in foreground and another at Landing on east Bank below the Falls.

(Pictures, courtesy Brown Section Twin City Papers)







Furthermore, whoever lives to see the next few years will experience the advent of regular aeroplane service over this same route in the short space of half and hour.

Faribault meantime boasts a population of 13,000 with her paved main streets, substantial brick business houses, comfortable homes and her formidable row of educational and hospital institutions on the eastern bluffs overlooking the city in the valley to the west. All this in the last 75 years.

"Luke Hulett was one of the earliest pioneers of Rice County. In the spring of 1853 he left his farm in Wisconsin and started up the Mississippi, arriving in St. Paul, Sunday, May 9, 1853. He stopped at a tavern and while making arrangements for a proposed trip to the Straight and Cannon rivers he formed the acquaintance of LEVI NUTTING which resulted in a lasting friendship.

"Mr. Nutting on learning that Mr. Hulett was going to explore for a location, inquired as to his plans, and informed him that himself and several other young men had just arrived in St. Paul, and desired to find a place to locate, and the result of the interview was that a party of six was thus formed. With an emigrant team of two horses they started from St. Paul, leaving the family there, and made the first attempt to establish a permanent agricultural colony in Rice County.

"On May 13, 1853, the little party crossed the Mississippi at St. Paul to the bottom opposite that little hamlet. Roads then were mere trails and whatever facilities for transportation existed in the country anywhere were due to nature and not art. That spring was wet, and before they had gotten out of the bottom lands the wagon was mired and the horses had to be detached, the wagon unloaded and hauled by human muscle, assisted by human brain to high ground.

"During the journey they saw no more of humanity outside of their own party, except two settler's cabins near the river. The first night they encamped in a grove fifteen miles from St. Paul. A fire was built and they 'turned in' with their feet toward the embers. During the night a coal of fire dropped upon General Nutting's blanket and burned a hole through it onto the General's foot causing him considerable discomfort. A northeast storm which had been threatening through the night broke upon them until they arrived at the slough within a few miles of Cannon City, which seemed to interpose a barrier against further progress, as there were ten inches of water on a network of roots for a road bed. The horses were unhitched and taken over, and then the young men hauled the wagon through.

"As they entered the woods between Cannon City and Faribault the rain ceased and the clouds began to disperse. The prospect that opened up before them was most charming, looked upon in a practical way—good timber and good water lying contiguous to good clear land, aggregating the very desideratum for a pioneer settler. As they reached the brow of the hill opposite the site of the old Barron House in Faribault, the sun as it was about to set, broke through the canopy of clouds, casting a mellow glow upon the village of Wau-pa-ku-ta (Wapakoota) (Leaf Shooter) Indians, comprising some sixty wigwams stretching along where Main Street was

afterwards laid out. The vision presented was most enchanting and the newcomers felt that they had arrived in the promised land, which it was proposed to occupy, whether they had a commission to drive out the aborigines that inhabited it or not.

"The next morning May 15, 1853, the sun rose clear and the air was balmy, and having spancled the horses and set them to feed near where the stone mill was afterwards built, the adventurers ascended the hill near the present site of the Catholic Church. Mr. Hulett judged that this country being known, would be settled fast, and the indications pointed to the fact that it would be a business center. He therefore came to the conclusion that this would be his future home and he so informed the young men who were with him, advising them to take a quarter section apiece, hold onto it, and go to work and secure as soon as possible, the two hundred dollars with which to pay for it. Of the number, however, only Mark Wells and A. McKinzie remained. Levi Nutting remained three weeks, returning again in the spring of 1855."

## HISTORY OF RICE AND STEELE COUNTIES

### *Faribault—Early Settlement*

#### LEVI NUTTING

PP. 90-1.

THE real settlement of the city dates from the early spring of 1853 when Peter Bush a blacksmith, arrived and settled in the buildings which had been erected by Alexander Faribault a Canadian French Trader, also using the cabins on the Travis farm as a sugar camp. Peter Bush brought with him his family, and since that date there has been continuous white settlement of this locality.

May 2, 1853 Mr. E. J. Crump and his wife crossed the Straight River and took up their habitation. Later in the month Luke Hulett came. With him came LEVI NUTTING and a party of young men consisting of Mark Wells, A. McKenzie, Mr. Boynton and others. Mr. Hulett settled here as did Mark Wells and A. McKinzie. LEVI NUTTING did not stay that year but came back later in the spring of 1855.

## POLITICAL RECORD OF LEVI NUTTING

### HISTORY OF AMHERST, MASS.

p. 337, Dec. 28, 1852. LEVI NUTTING was appointed Justice of Peace of the Town of Amherst, Mass.

### HISTORY OF RICE AND STEELE COUNTIES, MINN.

p. 332, 1855. To the quick wit of LEVI NUTTING is accredited the successful location of the Rice County Seat at Faribault over its rival settlement of Cannon City.

May 13, 1856. Geo. Pettit resigned as County Commissioner of Rice County and LEVI NUTTING was appointed in his place.

During the Civil War LEVI NUTTING was made Surveyor-General for Minnesota from when he gained the title of "General" and by which he was called the rest of his life.

p. 121. In 1865 Gen. LEVI NUTTING was elected to the Minnesota State Senate from Rice County.

For the years 1867-8 Gen. LEVI NUTTING was elected Chairman of the Rice County Board of Commissioners.

p. 348. In 1872 at the Republican mass convention for election of the first mayor of Faribault Gen. LEVI NUTTING was the chairman.

p. 349. In 1876 Gen. LEVI NUTTING was elected mayor of Faribault.

### **Truman Nutting (B3) at St. Anthony**

MINNESOTA TERRITORY 1854

TRUMAN was the third brother to land with his family in Minnesota in the spring of 1854. They had started from Massachusetts about as early as any of the Nuttings, but had stopped on the way for a period of a year or more at Olean, N. Y. in order to earn money enough to pursue their journey to St. Anthony.

The pony team brought them in the Prairie schooner to Savannah on the Mississippi River where they boarded the steamer and proceeded up stream to St. Paul, where they again took to the team and drove to St. Anthony Falls—being the East side of what is now Minneapolis.

During their stay of about a year at St. Anthony, the family lived in a house on the east bank of the Mississippi River about where the heating plant of the State University is now, between the Boat Landing and the Falls, (see picture herewith).

As stated in connection with Levi Nutting's contract for hauling the steel and iron for the Suspension Bridge, it was Truman's son John, and the Pony Team that did the work. From Ina Nutting daughter of John we quote:—

"Gen Levi Nutting had the contract for hauling the wire and Iron for the Suspension Bridge. John, then a young man of 18 drove the old span of horses that brought the family from South Amherst and did all the hauling—only stopping on the way to plow their fields half way between St. Paul and St. Anthony.

"John and his brother Sidney, built the first cabin on Nicollet Island for a man by the name of G. C. Steel of Minneapolis. These boys were hustlers as they built this first house in a day's labor, so that they were able to stay in it that night. Although snowing they managed to keep warm with a sheet iron stove.

"Mr. Steel wanted to give them a quarter section of land for their job, but Father said "LAND, LAND everywhere—what do we want of Land."

In the fall of the same year that they had come to Minnesota, Truman's wife Lucinda, died Sept. 11, 1854, and she was buried in the North East Cemetery, St. Anthony, close by the grave of Freeman Nutting who had died the winter before.

Dec. 25, 1854 Truman married his brother Freeman's widow, Mary



(Spencer) Nutting, (see B-5), and the following April, 1855, the two families, thus joined, moved to Faribault where Truman built and ran the First Hotel in Faribault and in which town he lived and labored a loyal citizen all the rest of his long life.

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TRUMAN NUTTING (B-3) FARIBAULT, RICE COUNTY  
MINNESOTA TERRITORY, 1855.

**First Hotel in Faribault—Nutting House**

IN April, 1855 TRUMAN NUTTING arrived in Faribault with his large family of boys and girls from St. Anthony where the family had lived about a year since entering the territory. He proceeded at once with the erection of what was the second frame building in the new town, Alexander Faribault's house being the first. The building was located on the block at the northeast corner of what is now Central Ave. and 3rd Street about where the Fleckenstein stone store building now stands.

This was to be the first regular hotel in Faribault and it was opened for business May 8, 1855 as evidenced by the registrations of the first patrons on that day in the Old Hotel Register, now in the possession of your compiler, and picture of which is shown herewith.

A Mr. Crump is called Postmaster, claim guide, *hotelkeeper*, etc., as early as January of this same year 1855 but it is evident he did not cater to the hotel business for a living and his building was soon used for other purposes and went by the name of Crump's Hall. Contrary to fact—The Barron House—has sometimes been called the first hotel in Faribault. Mr. H. E. Barron first came to Faribault from Chicago in the fall of 1855 and registered at the Nutting Hotel. The next spring, 1856, he started what was to be known as the Barron House on a site near the present Brunswick Hotel. On July 4, 1856 was its formal opening. Although patronage of the Nutting Hotel naturally fell off in consequence of the newer and more commodious accommodations of the Barron House, still the Nutting Hotel continued a popular stopping place for old friends and regular boarders to as late as 1858 or 9 when Mr. Nutting sold out and a short time after, the building burned.

The building was of plain construction mostly of boards stood on end, one story and a half high, erected on the northeast corner of Main and 3rd Streets a short distance back from the corner—a location exceptionally favorable for a hotel being adjacent to the then civic center of the town and which has continued to be such down to the present day.

The hotel was open for business, May 8, 1855, as evidenced by the OLD GUEST REGISTER in possession of Walter M. Nutting, grandson of the original proprietor, Truman Nutting. (See picture opposite). The book had been brought from Old South Amherst, Mass., when the family started west sometime in 1852 or 3, stopping at Olean, N. Y. and St. Anthony, Minn., before finally settling in Faribault.

The Register is shown opened to the place of the first registration of guests in the book under date of Wednesday, May 8, 1855. Many and







various are names giving places of residence, widely distributed all over the country—the majority of folks coming from eastern and central states in those days, and most of them only staying for a meal or two and a night's lodging and then passing on to other parts.

Some there were, however, among the early patrons of the hotel, who liked the looks of things around the new and growing town of Faribault well enough so they decided to stay and cast their lots with others of the pioneer settlers and whose names have been handed down to the succeeding generations as among her early and respected citizens

We follow with the names—dates and former residences of a representative list of those taken from the NUTTING HOTEL REGISTER during practically one and a half years of its most active existence—up until and shortly following the opening of the newer and more commodious BARRON HOUSE built by H. E. Barron up the street south from the NUTTING HOTEL, one and a half blocks, and opened for business July 4, 1856. The Nuttings continued the hotel as a boarding house until 1859.

### **Familiar Early Faribault Citizens Registered at Faribault's First Hotel**

#### **NUTTING HOTEL OR FARIBAULT HOUSE**

Opened May 8, 1855

There were hundreds of people from all parts of the east and places unknown who registered and stayed at the Nutting Hotel for periods varying from one meal to regular weekly boarding—during the year or more of the Hotel's greatest activity—from the spring of 1855 to the summer of 1856.

Following are the names of some thirty-five men who came to Faribault during that time and whose names are found on the Nutting Hotel Register and who afterwards became prominent and respected citizens of the town. There are probably more which your compiler is unable to identify.

H. E. Barron, Nov. 15, 1855	Chicago, Ill., <i>Second Hotelkeeper</i>
Geo. W. Batchelder, May 26, 1855	Janesville, Wis., <i>Attorney</i>
John M. Berry, May 26, 1855	Janesville, Wis., <i>Attorney</i>
N. M. Bemis, June 4, 1855	<i>Doctor</i>
Henry Chaffee, May 14, 1856	Chicago, Ill., <i>Farmer</i>
M. Cook (Michael), May 20, 1855	New York City, <i>First State Senator</i>
Mr. Cutts (E. H.), May 20, 1855	<i>Captain</i>
Preston N. Carver, May 23, 1855	Shutesbury, Mass., <i>Farmer</i>
Henry Dunham, May 19, 1855	Milwaukee, Wis., <i>Brickyard</i>
Chas. W. Fitch, May 2, 1856	Columbia, Conn., <i>Clothier</i>
F. W. Frink, August 6, 1856	East Prairie, <i>Auditor</i>
G. M. Gilmore, Jan. 9, 1856	N. Charlestown, N. H., <i>Farmer</i>
Jeremiah Healy, June 10, 1856	<i>Merchant</i>
D. W. Humphrey, Feb. 25, 1856	Cannon Falls, <i>Nurseryman</i>
G. G. Howe, June 13, 1855	Northampton, Mass., <i>Contractor</i>
Dr. Chas. Jewett, June 13, 1856	Chicago, Ill., <i>Farmer, Temperance Lecturer</i>

R. H. L. Jewett, June 7, 1856	Boston, Mass., <i>First Surveyor</i>
G. S. Kendall, April 23, 1856	Saybrook, Conn., <i>Farmer</i>
E. N. Leavens, Oct. 18, 1855, Webster, Mass.,	<i>Shoe Merchant &amp; Postmaster</i>
Wm. N. Lockwood, June 22, 1856	Waterbury, Conn., <i>Real Estate</i>
Mr. Lowell, (Chas.), Sept. 26, 1855	Maine, <i>Real Estate</i>
Thos. H. Loyhed, May 25, 1856	St. Anthony, Minn., <i>Hardware</i>
H. M. Matteson, Jan. 18, 1856	Cannon River, Miller
Mortenson (Geo.), Aug. 6, 1856	<i>Harnesses</i>
Walter Morris, April 10, 1856	Morristown, Minn., <i>Founder</i>
J. W. North, May 8, 1855	Northfield, Minn., <i>Founder</i>
Levi Nutting, May 15, 1856	So. Amherst, <i>Politician</i>
John Parshall, April 17, 1856	<i>Farmer</i>
O. F. Perkins, June 1, 1855	Vermont, <i>Attorney</i>
C. C. Perkins, July 2, 1855	Vermont, <i>Attorney</i>
Hon. Gen. James Shields, Oct. 2, 1855	Atmore Ireland, <i>Soldier and Politician</i>
James Shontz, May 30, 1855	Dodge, Wis., <i>Loans</i>
A. Thompson (Andrew), May 12, 1855	Wisconsin, <i>Farmer</i>
Henry Wattles, Jan. 26, 1856	Iowa, <i>Real Estate</i>
C. Wood (Chas.), Nov. 14, 1855	<i>First Sheriff</i>

*Note W.M.N.—The Old Register will be lodged in the archives of the Rice County Historical Society for safe keeping and reference.*

#### TRUMAN NUTTING TRUSTEE

#### **First Public School in Faribault**

HISTORY RICE AND STEELE COUNTIES, p. 626.

During the summer of 1855 the first school in Faribault was opened in a small log building near the first frame house built by Alexander Faribault at the corner of what are at present known as 1st Street and First Ave., east, with Miss Eliza White as teacher. Several of the present residents of the town (1910) among them Elijah and Warren Nutting, were pupils. Alexander Faribault, Luke Hulett and TRUMAN NUTTING were elected Trustees.

I have heard my father tell how the seats in that one roomed school house were made of long slabs from the saw mill on the bank of the river, turned flat side up with pegs driven into holes in the bottom for legs. Miss Eliza White was the first teacher the winter of 1855 and for lack of funds in the newly formed School District, Truman Nutting paid her out of his own pocket. She was the daughter of James M. White spoken of as one of the first organizers of the Methodist Church. He and his family lived at the Nutting Hotel and were very good friends of the Nuttings, the first acquaintance having been made in Olean, N. Y., where the families met on their way west. Eliza White afterwards married John Nutting one of the eight sons of Truman Nutting.

p. 336. July 8, 1856 TRUMAN NUTTING, Alexander Faribault and Dr. Nathan M. Bemis, trustees of School District No. 1 received a deed for lots 7 and 8, Block 42, and began the erection of the first district school house in Faribault.



From the History of Rice and Steele Counties we gather, that TRUMAN NUTTING was vice-president of the first Council in the city of Faribault, inaugurated April 9, 1872.

*From Reminiscences of Elijah G. Nutting*

The first bridge across the Straight River in Faribault was at 2nd Street, promoted and financed by private subscriptions among them being that of TRUMAN NUTTING.

### **First Methodist Church Organized in Nutting Hotel**

*History of Rice and Steele Counties, p. 405.*

The First Methodist Episcopal Church is located on the corner of 3rd Street and Fourth Avenue. The Church was organized in 1855 by Rev. Thos. M. Kirkpatrick, who was located at Red Wing and had charge of the Cannon River mission. The original class consisted of seven members MR. AND MRS. TRUMAN NUTTING, Rev. Morgan and wife, James M. White, E. J. Crump and Harvey T. Rawson. The organization was effected in the NUTTING HOTEL.

### **Indian Scare**

*History Rice and Steele Counties*

During the Indian Massacres, winter of 1857, the little community of Faribault became alarmed. "General Shields, by reason of his military experience, was made Commander-in-Chief of all the available forces in and around Faribault, with headquarters AT THE HEAD OF THE STAIRS IN THE OLD FARIBAULT (NUTTING) HOUSE, and all of our brave young men who could be armed with shot-guns, rusty pistols, or anything having the appearance of firearms, were posted on guard throughout the town, etc."

*Extracts from Sketches in "Old Rail Fence Corners"*

Referring to

THE NUTTING HOTEL OR FARIBAULT HOUSE

*First Hotel in Faribault.*

MR. ELIJAH G. NUTTING

WE came to Faribault in the early spring of 1855 and my father kept the first hotel there. It was just a crude shanty, with an upstairs that was not partitioned off. Very cold too, I rather think there never was anything much colder; but it was very well patronized and it was much better than staying outside.

It might perhaps have been called a frame house by courtesy, rather than technically, as it was made by placing boards vertically side by side, battened together by a third board. On the first floor were the family apartments, separated from the dining room and the "office" by partitions of cotton cloth hung on wires. The office ten feet by twelve boasted an improvised desk, a stool and a candle. The second floor was called "the

school section" a large apartment filled with bedsteads rudely made of boards and supporting straw, hay or coarse grass ticks. Here the fortunate early bird took his rest, fully clothed even to his boots, protected from the snow, which blustered in at the unglazed windows by his horse blankets. Late comers took possession of the straw ticks on the floor and made no complaint next morning when, after a breakfast of salt pork black tea with brown sugar and butter so strong it could seldom be eaten, they were presented with a bill of \$2.00.

In one corner of this "school section" was a tiny enclosure screened with a cotton cloth partition, containing a bed and two soap boxes, one for the dressing table and the other for a chair. This was called the "bridal chamber" and was to be had at a suitable price, by those seeking greater privacy. We had bread and pork for breakfast, pork and bread for dinner and some of both for supper.

A large sheet iron stove down stairs was kept red hot in the winter and a man was employed to prevent people, coming in from the icy out-of-doors from rushing too near its heat and thus suddenly thawing out their frozen ears, cheeks or noses.

When in 1858 or 59 my father sold the hotel, its purchaser mortgaged it, paying an interest rate of twenty-four percent a year.

On July Fourth, 1856, the Barron House was formerly opened on such a scale of splendor that the days of the Faribault House were numbered.

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#### MRS. NANCY LOWELL, (WIFE OF CHARLES LOWELL)

I CAME to Faribault in 1855 and boarded at the Hotel kept by the Nuttings.

The upper part of the hotel where we lived the first winter was all in one room. I was the only woman, so we had a room made with sheeting. Sometimes there were twenty people sleeping in that loft. We did not have to open the windows. Most windows in those days were not expected to be opened anyway. The air just poured in between the cracks, and the snow blew in with gusto. It was not at all unusual to get up from under a snow bank in the morning.

We had a dance one night in our little board hotel. It was forty degrees below zero, and very cold anywhere away from the big stove. The women wanted to dance all the time and so set the table and put on the bread and cake before the company came. Five hours afterward when we went to eat, they were frozen solid. The dish towels would freeze as they hung on the line in the kitchen over the stove, while the stove was going too.

One evening I stepped to the door to throw out a washbasin of water and saw a large dog standing there. I put the dish down and was going to call him, when my husband saw me going toward the door he said, "What are you going to do?" I said, "Call in the dog." It was bright moonlight. He said, "Let me see him." He looked and hastily closed the door saying, "The biggest kind of a timber wolf. Be careful what kind of pets you take in here."

MRS. HENRY C. PRESCOTT, 1855.

My father, Dr. Nathan Bemis came to Faribault where his father and brother had already settled when I was eight years old. We went first to the NUTTING HOUSE, but as there was only the "bridal chamber," with its one bed for the use of women, Mr. John Whipple, although his wife was ill, invited my mother, with my baby sister, to stay at his house which was across the street. My sister, and a young lady who had come with us slept in the bed in the "bridal chamber." My father and brother laid their straw ticks on the floor outside and I occupied a trundle bed in Mrs. Nutting's room. We soon moved to the Smallidge house, east of town.

The next winter General Shields offered us his office for our home, if we could stand the cold. He, himself preferred to winter in the Nutting Hotel. This winter was a horror to us all. We all froze our feet and the bedclothes never thawed out all winter, freezing deeper each night from our breath. Before going to bed my brother used to take a run in the snow in his bare feet and then jump into bed that the reaction might warm them for a little while. All thermometers froze and burst at the beginning of winter so we never knew how cold it was. Some one had always to hold my baby sister to keep her off the floor so that she might not freeze. At night my mother hung a carpet across the room to divide the bedroom from the living room. Dish towels hung to dry on the oven door would freeze.

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MRS. JOHN C. TURNER, (DAUGHTER OF CHARLES WOOD).

THE NUTTING HOTEL was the scene of many a dance when settlers came from miles around to take part in quadrilles and reels to the music of a violin. We used to bring an extra gown so that after midnight we might change to a fresh one for these dances lasted till daylight.

### **Porter Nutting (B6) Faribault—Rice County**

MINNESOTA TERRITORY, 1855.

PORTER was the last of the four brothers to come to Minnesota, for in the spring of 1855 we hear of him in St. Paul where he soon arranged to go to Faribault with a party of 11 men made up of 3 Nutting brothers, Levi, Truman and Porter, together with Frank, son of Truman, J. W. North and others. (See article "Faribault in Olden Time," preceeding).

It is doubtful if Porter returned to St. Anthony with the other Nuttings who came back later in the spring—but he stayed in Faribault and helped survey and plat the new town as shown by County and Town records as early as Feb. 6, 1855 in which Porter's name appears.

Porter had come west alone, leaving his family in Northampton, Mass. and after making a good start as one of the founders and energetic citizens of the new community of Faribault and Rice County he went back east again and lived the remainder of his long life a prominent and influential citizen of Old New England.



## HISTORY OF RICE AND STEELE COUNTIES

## EARLY SETTLEMENT

p. 92. "The history of the towns and villages of Rice County begins at an early date. Faribault, Northfield, Morristown and Cannon City were surveyed, platted and recorded in the order named.

Alexander Faribault, F. B. Sibley, John W. North, and PORTER NUTTING filed the plat of the town of Faribault in the office of the register of deeds in Dakota County, to which Rice County was then attached for judicial purposes, February 17, 1855.

*Frink's Narrative—Brief History of Faribault.*

p. 329. Feb., 10, 1855, a survey and plat of 280 acres, comprising the original town of Faribault having been previously made an agreement by and between, John W. North, PORTER NUTTING, F. B. Sibley and Alexander Faribault, as proprietors, and John W. North as agent, was entered into, empowering the agent to sell lots in town north of Third Street, reserving to Alexander Faribault thirty blocks, being all south of Third Street as his individual property, and the recording of that instrument marks Faribault's birthday, being the first days of its corporate existence. Feb. 16, 1855, power of attorney to execute this agreement was given to Mr. North and recorded. Mr. North soon retired from his position and founded the town of Northfield.

Gen. James Shields having a short time previously, located on the shore of the lake now bearing his name was induced to take an interest in the new town, and a new agreement was made under date of Sept. 10, 1855 by and between Alexander Faribault, PORTER NUTTING, John Banfil, James Shields, Fred B. Sibley, and Charles T. Crehore, as proprietors, and General Shields as agent, by which the agent was empowered to sell lots, etc.

## THE ATHENS OF THE WEST

p. 372. Central Park occupies all of block 17 of the original plat of Faribault, and was set aside as city property, Feb. 6, 1855, by the proprietors, Alexander Faribault, F. B. Sibley, J. W. North and PORTER NUTTING. The Park is well kept and is set with native trees. It boasts a band shell costing upwards of \$6,000.

**Views of Early Faribault**

Taken from photos in possession of W. M. Nutting and handed down to him from his father, Elijah G. Nutting. Probably taken about 1868 as it shows the roof on the Episcopal Cathedral in view No. 3 partially completed and this building was dedicated June 24, 1869.

*View No. 1.*

*Left center*—BARRON HOUSE, Built 1856, east side Main Street, between 1st and 2nd Sts.

*Upper right hand corner*—CATHOLIC CHURCH, built 1858, south east corner Division St., and Third Avenue.





VIEWS OF EARLY FARIBAULT  
From East Side Bluffs—probably about 1868



## View No. 2.

*Center group of buildings*—are about the business center of the town from early days down to the present time at Main and 3rd Streets.

*The left white building*—is the MAJOR DIKE BANK building built in 1857, on the southeast corner.

*The center white building*—is the LINDBERG HOTEL built by H. M. Matteson in the early 60's on the north side of the street, back from the corner.

*The flat roof, two-story double store building*—is the roof of the E. FLECKENSTEIN BLOCK, built of stone in 1866. It faces on Main Street, one store space from the corner—which was filled in at a later date giving it a three store front as it is today.

*THE NUTTING HOTEL*—sometimes called FARIBAULT HOUSE, built in 1855 and burned about 1859, was located on the north side of the street within the space surrounded by the three above described buildings, it is understood a short distance back from the corner of Main Street.

*Right center*—STOCKLEIN BROTHERS double store block on Main Street between 3rd and 4th.

*Upper right hand corner*—FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH on south side of 3rd Street between First and Second Aves.; built in 1856. In the steeple was the first church bell that ever rung out in Rice County, August 27, 1857. The bell is still in service in the steeple of the present stone church.

*Extreme lower left hand corner*—probably just off the picture—A. L. HILL FURNITURE FACTORY on Willow Street, between 2nd and 3rd; started in 1855 and the first power to run the machinery was supplied by an old blind horse on a sweep.

*Top left of center*—Square top building built of native limestone—was the private residence of TOM McCALL, S.W. corner 1st Street, So. and Fourth Ave.

## View No. 3.

*Upper left hand portion*—FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH corner 5th St. and Third Avenue, built 1862.

*Right center*—EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, corner 6th St. and Second Avenue, built 1868-9, under construction when picture was taken.

*Central foreground*—MAJOR DIKE GRIST MILL at Willow and 5th Sts., on the bank of the Straight River; built by Henry Riedell, 1857-8 from lumber sawed at a saw mill he built in 1856 adjoining the mill site. Note mill stone leaning against a building; empty barrels under shed in front.

## View No. 4

*Central large white building*—THE OLD EPISCOPAL ST. MARY'S HALL at Main and 6th Sts., founded by Bishop Whipple in 1866.

Left center—white building: OLD MINNESOTA HOUSE southwest corner Main and 6th Sts., built and run as a lodging house by Dan Faribault, brother of Alexander Faribault, 1856. (T. J. McC.)

*Note—W.M.N.—The backs of the original pictures are marked thus:—*

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### **"To My Home Town Faribault"**

Dedicated to Luke Hulett, Mark Wells, General Levi Nutting, Porter Nutting, and Truman Nutting, by one of the offshoots, INA A. NUTTING.  
April 19, 1924, Duluth, Minn.

*On the green banks of Straight river  
Now the town site Faribault  
Dwelt a band of Wae-pa-ku-ta Indians  
Many many years ago.  
Sixty wigwams was their number  
Stretched out along the stream  
Birds were singing, flowers springing  
Peace, contentment reigned supreme.*

*At the closing of a May day  
Weary travelers paused to rest  
Saw this picture of enchantment  
From the hilltops highest crest  
As the sun was slowly sinking  
Bathing all with golden glow  
Six white men stood and envied  
Their red brethren far below.*

*As they watched the panorama  
From their lofty grandstand  
One man whispered to the others  
Boy's we've reached the "promised land."  
Through brush and tangle wildwood  
Single file they trudged along  
To music of the rippling stream  
And insects evening song.*

*Till at last they reached the lowlands  
As the evening shadows fell  
Where they found much to their wonder  
Peter Bush, and his hotel.*



*He gave them a hearty welcome  
And urged them to remain  
Till the morrow, when he'd show them,  
Where that each could stake a claim.*

*As the moon rose high in splendor  
Bright stars shining over head,  
Worn and weary from their journey  
Each man sought his blanket bed.  
And, 'tis said, Mark, Luke, and Levi  
These good men with Bible names,  
Dreamed of a wonderous city  
Builded on their separate claims.*

#### AFTERMATH

*From Massachusetts came the Nutting's  
Till they numbered forty strong, and  
Always on Thanksgiving Day,  
They sang this glorious song.  
" 'Twas here they lived, 'twas here they died,  
Their forms repose on the green hillside,  
But the tree they reared in the days gone by  
It lives, it lives, it lives and ne'er shall die."*

## FARIBAULT REPUBLICAN

Wednesday, January 21, 1891

**Faribault in the Olden Time**

Incidents of a Trip from St. Anthony to Faribault and Return in 1855.

*An Interesting Letter Written Thirty-six Years Ago by**Hon. Thos. Hale Williams, of Minneapolis.*

St. Anthony, Minn. Terr.

Sunday, Jan. 21, 1855.

I WILL begin an account of my trip to Faribault on a separate sheet, so that you may send it to father and mother, for I shall not have time to copy it for them or any one else. Perhaps it would be well to say something about how we came to go there. As I am not going to write for the papers, I shall not be quite so particular as I might be in that case, but jot down things as they come to mind. I went because Mr. North spoke so highly of the place, in the first place, and then, because others, of whom I inquired, all agreed with him. It is on the site of an old Indian village—was selected years ago, by explorers, *as the site of a town—was again, two or three years ago, selected by the Nuttings as the place for a colony from Massachusetts*—will probably be the shire town of the county—already has a post office. There is a petition to Congress to establish a land office there, is on the route between Iowa and Minnesota, and it will not be the most remarkable thing if, in five years, a railroad should go through from Dubuque to St. Paul. It is at the confluence of the Straight and Cannon rivers, (the Cannon river is over 100 miles long and the Straight river 40 or 50 miles, as near as I can ascertain). There is a beautiful plain between the two rivers, the site for the town is southwest from the confluence. On the north side of the Cannon is a forest extending much further than I know, a hundred miles, perhaps; perhaps two hundred. At any rate the supply of timber is unbounded. I saw black walnut logs, lying near the saw mill, three feet and a half in diameter. On the east side of the Straight river the woods extend about three miles. The crab apple, wild plum, wild gooseberries, grapes, etc., abound, showing that it is a good country for fruit. The easterly bank of the Strait, opposite the plain, is a bluff affording a beautiful site for a residence, or I should say residences, for there is plenty of room. I am very much pleased with the situation, and have no objection to going south from St. Anthony, because the winter season is shorter there than here.

**JOURNEY BEGINS—Tuesday, January 15, 1855**

Well, now for our journey. The party consisted of nine: The Nutting brothers, one Nutting's son, and Mr. Sentelle, in one sled; Mr. North, Moffatt, a mill-wright, Mr. Finch, a brother-in-law to Mr. North and myself in another. Our sleds were long boxes, such as are used by teamsters drawn by two horses. Mr. North left Monday morning, Jan. 15, 1855, for Mendota (see map I sent you the other day). It is opposite Fort Snelling where the Minnesota enters the Mississippi. So Mr. Finch and I started

from St. Anthony, Tuesday morning, Jan. 16, by ourselves, leaving the Nuttings to come when they got ready and crossing the Mississippi on the ice just below the Suspension Bridge, proceeding on our way to find Mr. Prescott's a short distance from the fort where we expected to find Mr. Moffatt. A little girl at the door told us he had gone to the Fort. We went on and just before reaching the fort, met a company of soldiers riding their horses out for exercise. On arriving at the fort we inquired for Mr. Moffatt but he had not been there. Then we inquired at two or three neighbors, and finally Mr. Finch concluded that Mr. Moffatt had not left the Prescott's, so he went back for him, and I crossed the river for Mendota, about a mile off, to let Mr. North know we were coming. I found him and Mr. Moffatt sitting quietly by the stove in the barroom waiting for us. Mr. Moffatt, it seems, thought he was so near Mendota he would not wait at the Fort. After a while Mr. Finch came along, but it was too late to go farther before dinner. The horses were taken out, and we lounged around till dinner time, dined, and then proceeded on our way, losing about three hours for the part of precision and patricularity.

We expected the Nuttings would have joined us at Mendota, but they did not. We ascended a steep hill, from which we had a fine view of the country, the highest point for many miles, is on the bluff back of Mendota. St. Paul, 6 or 7 miles off, is very easily seen. We traveled on through a beautiful country to the Vermillion river,<sup>1</sup> where we stopped at Mr. Laird's. Mr. North speaks of them as a family from Illinois. He hoped to find their house completed, but nothing more appeared to be done, and Mr. North said we should have to stay in the six by eight. As we approached Mr. Laird's son was coming out of the house. We stopped and went in. It seemed almost impossible for us to stay there, but we dared not go on for fear of being lost on the prairie, and concluded we would remain. I will give you a plan of our stopping place and then you will be better able to decide why we should hesitate in such a case. The house is to be a story and a half, about 18x20, with an addition for a kitchen, 10x12. The addition was the only part we could stay in. I do not say the only part finished, for it was not. The family consisted of Mr. Laird, his wife, and 4 children, two, a son and daughter, grown up, and two quite small. There was a barrel behind the stove, which served for a pantry, some poles overhead for suspending clothes, and nails on the side for tin pans, dippers, etc., half a dozen bed quilts, blankets, etc., lay in one corner, and a box in another used for a table; a few chairs, and a half bushel served for seats. How were ten persons to spend twelve or fifteen hours in such a hole? But many a man has been in a worse situation. There was no other house on our way nearer than fifteen miles—a dark night, and a wide prairie—of course there was nothing else to do but make the best of it. The horses were put up, and we sat down to warm ourselves, while the daughter baked a cake for supper, and the mother smoked a pipe. They seemed to be in low spirits, and on inquiry we found that they had nearly concluded to leave their claim, and go to Stillwater, where they had friends. Mr. North said that would not do. They must not give up now. But I cannot give you all the conversation. Their horses were nearly starved, and so weak

that they could not draw a small load of wood, and they were almost out of provisions. Mrs. Laird said they should starve to death if they remained. It was at once determined to leave a bag of oats for their horses, and send them some provisions on our return to St. Anthony, and Mr. North offered to lend Mr. Laird money enough to support them till warm weather, or till they could get some return for their crops. They began to brighten up. Mrs. Laird said we had done her five dollars worth of good already. Supper was ready. It consisted of the flour cake, some fish, fried pork, tea, and molasses. I ate some cake and molasses and drank a cup of water. After supper we sat down and talked of everything—read the papers—Mr. Finch had his pockets full. Mr. Laird told several anecdotes of travellers, and we all seemed to enjoy ourselves as much as if we had been stopping at the Tremont. Mr. Laird came here in the fall.

They lived under a blanket for a few days—one of the little girls called it a raghouse—till they could build the cabin, and they began to build a frame house, but the high price of lumber, etc., had delayed them, and they had only been able to partially build the kitchen. One night, while in the cabin, fifteen persons stayed with them. I forgot to say that they only had wood enough for two or three days. One afternoon a German stopped there on his way to the Cannon. The next morning, early, they heard a knock and on opening the door, it was "Carl." He had gone on to the river, but it was dark and he dared not cross, so he had returned, having been out all night, wandering in the prairie; with nothing to eat, and almost frozen. Indeed, his lips were very much swollen with the cold. The little girls had sore feet, and were without stockings or shoes, with only rags wrapped around them. I did not understand how we were to sleep, but supposed I should find out by waiting. About ten o'clock preparations were made for retiring. The table, alias box, was put out of doors, the chairs shared the same fate, the pile of bed clothes was overhauled, and spread on the floor. Mr. Moffatt, Mr. North, myself, Mr. Finch, Mr. Laird and the son, lay along in a row on the floor where the table and beds were, and Mrs. Laird and her three daughters lay between the stove and the door. I took off my cravat and collar and boots, and lay down with my shawl for a pillow. We rested very well, and there was no want of ventilation on a liberal scale, for the wind blew hard and there were plenty of openings.

#### LEFT LAIRD'S PLACE—Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1855

About five o'clock in the morning, Wednesday, Jan. 17, Mr. North arose, inquired for the matches, and soon kindled a fire. We had breakfast and were ready for a start. Mr. North gave them five dollars, and promised to bring them more oats on our return. We had thought of going another way, till near Mr. Laird's house, but if we had, the Laird family would have lost their home. You may think it not much of a home, but it will be in a year or two. It is one of the best places in the region and exactly adapted for a tavern for the travellers who are constantly passing. It was snowing when we started, and we were afraid it might be difficult to find the track. However we made out very well, and reached Mr. Alexander's place<sup>2</sup> about noon. I should like to say more about our ride, but have not



time. I had on a pair of overshoes lined with fur, two pairs of mittens, a comforter and my shawl. I then sat down on an old bed quilt by the side of Mr. North—the quilt being pulled about us and we covered our feet with a horse blanket. There was nothing to be seen but earth's snowy mantle and cloud—land. I thought I could appreciate traveling in Siberia. We looked very much like pictures of the French returning from Moscow. Mr. Alexander's was quite a contrast to Mr. Laird's. They have a large log house, and everything looked neat and in order. We had a nice dinner of venison, potatoes, excellent bread, doughnuts, pumpkin pie, butter, cheese and crackers. After dinner Messrs. North Moffatt and Finch went out to examine the river for a mill site,<sup>3</sup> and I sat down to write out my journal. While dining, a young man came in with Wiffers' edition of Tasso, and Montgomery's poems. I had some reflections on the immortality of genius, etc., but I guess I have forgotten them, and if I had they would not be worth jotting down here. The mill site hunters having found, as they said, a fine place for a mill, returned about two o'clock, having engaged a man to erect a log house for the workmen on the mill, and he having already commenced chopping. It is a word and a blow here.

It had been much pleasanter there in the morning, Wednesday, Jan. 17, and we started off for Faribault in good spirits. That same afternoon we passed through a very pleasant country; occasionally we had a view worthy of being transferred to canvas. I hope one of these days to point them out to you. Mr. North said they reminded him of the Vale of Tempe, which he had read of in college, and which I have read of out of college. Just before we reached Faribault we went through a forest about three miles long.<sup>4</sup> There were three or four wigwams there, and as we drove by, a squaw and two papposses appeared at the entrance to gaze at the pale faces. It was the first time I ever saw a genuine Indian wigwam, in the woods, where they called it home. But the white people are coming, and I fear the poor Indians will not be allowed to pitch their tents on the beautiful banks of the Cannon river again. We arrived at Mr. Crump's,<sup>5</sup> postmaster, claim guide, hotel keeper, justice of the peace and factotem for Faribault, about dark. There, unexpectedly, we found the Nuttings.<sup>6</sup> They arrived about 3 o'clock, having come another way, supper was soon ready, but the table was small, six sat down at a time.

### INTRODUCING FOUR NUTTINGS

*I will now introduce you to the Nuttings, but I shall be rather brief though, if I had time I could easily fill my page about them and their adventures. Mr. Truman Nutting, Mr. Porter Nutting, and Mr. Levi Nutting, and Frank Nutting, son of Truman, I guess. The first three are brothers. With them came Mr. Sentelle, a carpenter. So, with Mr. and Mrs. Crump (she is from Webster, Mass., Mr. C. from England—was in Hyde Park when Nicholas was present at a review with the Duke of Wellington, etc.)—Porter Nutting is from Northampton, the other Nuttings from Amherst, Mass., there were eleven of us. The hotel consisted of two rooms, one a kitchen, dining room, etc., the other post office, bed room and parlor. Mr. and Mrs. Crump slept in the farther end of the post office, etc., Mr. North*

and I at the other end, near the door, and the rest in the attic, to which they ascended on a ladder. Mrs. Crum was engaged in making a coat of yellow calico and large figure called squaw cloth, with a tail reaching to the floor, and a pair of pantaloons, of the same cloth, but red in color, to be worn at a ball which was to come off this evening at Faribault, (for be it known that I am writing this line on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1855, a day remarkable or to be remarkable in history as the one on which the completion of the beautiful Suspension Bridge<sup>7</sup> across the Mississippi, (at St. Anthony) is to be celebrated by all the chief dignities of the territory or territories comprising more than 100 millions of acres). There is a long story connected with the dress ball, but I must defer it for the present, as well as two or three others, which I will entitle "The Poor Irish Woman," the "School Teacher," and "The Wedding." Though they have nothing to do with Faribault, I just mention them, and if I do not forget them, will tell the tale another time.

#### LOOKING AROUND FARIBAULT—Thursday, Jan. 18, 1855

After breakfast the next morning, Thursday, Jan. 18, the company dispersed to attend to their own affairs. I went with Mr. North and Mr. Crump, who were going to find a claim. On our way we passed an Indian burying ground.<sup>8</sup> I suppose Catlin's Indians will give you a better account than I can, with a view, probably. But I will tell you a little. The dead body is placed in a box, with the valuables of the deceased in blankets, and elevated on large stakes driven in the ground, about six or seven feet high, so they can be seen from a great distance, as the burying ground is on the hill. After dinner we went to a Mr. Morris's<sup>9</sup> hoping to get a map of the place, but it was locked up in a trunk, and his son had gone off with the key. We then called at Mr. Hulett's one the proprietors of Faribault. The place when we went there belonged to Mr. Faribault, a French half-breed, and very rich. Mr. Sibley, formerly in Congress, Mr. North, (who, when he went to Faribault two or three weeks since, bought out Morris, the one who had the key of the trunk in his pocket), and Mr. Hulett.<sup>10</sup> Mr. Porter Nutting had engaged to take one-half of Mr. North's quarter, so that they would have owned one-eighth each, and the others each a quarter. They had a meeting, (the proprietors), on our return. When Mr. North and Nutting came to supper they had not determined what to do. Mr. Hulett was opposed to the others. So, after supper the "city council" had another session. About nine o'clock the two Ns. (North and Nutting) returned looking better satisfied. On inquiry we found that Mr. Nutting had purchased Hulett's quarter, and that things would probably go on smoothly. Mr. North being appointed attorney by the others to manage affairs for them. I could not wish for anything better. You can now understand why I wished to write to Stephen. Mr. North has offered me the eighth part that Mr. Porter Nutting was to have, at the same price, \$700, so that is a possibility of my owning part of a city, instead of one lot, which I thought would be the most I could aspire to. I can account for it in no other way, except that Mr. Wales said, (he is a Quaker, "Friend North likes thee.") During the evening, Mr. Brackett, the

stage driver, arrived at the "Crump House," having just returned from St. Paul with two doctors.<sup>11</sup>

(This was Thursday, Jan. 18). I must now tell you why the doctors came. On Friday morning, Jan. 5th, I believe, Mr. Weatherhead started from Faribault to go to a Norwegian settlement about 12 miles off. He had to cross an open prairie. He became bewildered in a snow storm, lost his way and wandered about until Sabbath afternoon, having eaten nothing the whole time, and having frozen both his feet. He has said since, if it had not been for his wife and children, he would have laid down and died. The Norwegians did what they could for him, and carried him back to Faribault. There was no doctor there and Mr. Brackett had just returned from St. Paul from whither he had driven express with the two doctors. It was necessary to amputate both limbs. The flesh had already begun to separate and decay. *Poor fellow.* Such a story needs no embellishments to make it affecting. His family is in Indiana. What will his wife do when she hears what has happened? The doctors hope he will recover, but it is doubtful.

#### VISIT TO CANNON LAKE—Friday, Jan. 19, 1855

Friday, Jan. 19, was a delightful day. The morning was spent by Mr. North in writing. Messrs. Levi Nutting, Moffatt and Finch went in search of a mill site. Truman and Porter Nutting, Sentelle, Frank and I went off in a sled on the prairie and then to the lake, the Cannon, about four miles from the village expanded into a beautiful lake where there are plenty of fine fish. We stopped at Mr. Sprague's. He is some relative to the Spragues in Providence, R. I. I believe. He was not at home, but his wife was. We found her alone in a log cabin. She was the most lady-like looking lady we saw on our journey, and I guess some relative to Prof. Angell, of Brown University. She looked, as people say, as if she had "just been taken from a band box," and probably between 20 and 25 years old. She likes living here very much. We asked if they had any fish, and were told to help ourselves, as Mr. Sprague was away. So fifty pickerel were taken from a sled where they were ready to be carried to market, for which ten cents apiece was paid. The smallest one was 15 or 18 inches long, and the largest about three feet.

On our trip we saw a wolf. Oh, I thought I had left out somebody—Mr. Crump went with us also. He told us about a wolf almost equal to Gen. Putman's. "Mr. Wolf" had troubled them for some days; carried off two of the neighbors hens, a tame deer belonging to Mr. Wells, and was full of mischief. One night Mr. Crump heard a noise, and he and some one staying with him ran out in their shirts and found the wolf had got a calf out of the yard, and was pulling it off by the rope which was around its neck. "Sir Reynard" fled at their approach, but the other cattle hearing the noise of the calf, made a regular stampede, almost knocking Mr. Crump over. Another deer belonging to Mr. Wells was put into the cellar for protection, and the wolf began to dig under the house to get at him. I should say, perhaps, that the calf also was carried into the house for safety. The neighbors finally agreed to watch till they had found and destroyed



him, but it did not do much good. The bait was taken from their traps, let them be concealed and placed in the most skillful manner; but, at last, Mr. Wells said he would get him. He took some entrails from a deer and laid them on the bank of the river. The next day they were gone. He then placed a trap in the same place, covered it with sand washed with water so that no one could perceive any signs of a trap, laid some more bait there and waited till morning. Before breakfast the boys came in saying, the wolf was caught. "Never mind," says 'Bully Wells,'<sup>12</sup> so he is called, being a genius in his way—"will pay my respects to his lordship after breakfast." He then went down to the river and made him a speech upbraiding him with the crimes he had committed, and telling him he should not die like a common wolf, etc. Mr. Crump relates a long speech that was made on the occasion. He finally sprang a trap on each jaw and leg, and left him to the tender mercies of the boys, putting him to as painful a death as possible, for which I think he deserves to be punished himself. Now I am talking about wolves. I will say, that a few nights since, the Mr. Alexander's folks hearing a noise went out and discovered a wolf. They pursued him with dogs and guns, and in the dark mistook one of their dogs for a wolf and shot him. He was alive when we were there but not expected to be long.

#### START RETURN TRIP AFTER DINNER—Jan. 19, 1855

We returned to Faribault in season for dinner. Mr. North had finished his writing and Mr. Levi. & Co. (Nutting) had fixed on a mill site. Immediately after dinner both teams were harnessed and we started for St. Anthony via Alexander's. We had a pleasant ride there, the air being very mild. The Nuttings were a short distance before us, after we got through the woods, on the prairie, when they stopped. Frank jumped out with his rifle, and on coming up saw a wolf on a hill about 1,000 feet off. He fired, and the ball struck in the snow a few feet from the wolf. Up he jumped, ran backwards and forwards for a moment as if undecided what to do, and then trotted off over the hill. We arrived at Alexander's about 4:30 P. M. Supper was ready about 5:00. After that four or five of the company went to see the new millsite of Mr. North's. I staid in the house. Mrs. Alexander made no fuss altho she had nine hungry men—(The Suspension Bridge procession is now passing with a band of music, and I had to stop to look at that)—in addition to her own family of eight to provide with supper. When people have some things to do, I find they do it without making half the noise that some of our city folks, who speed the time in making believe. On our way Mr. North requested Mr. Alexander to call a meeting of some of the neighbors to see how much work they could do on the mill. On the return of our mill site seekers half a dozen men came in. Mr. Moffatt sat down at the table, and in about an hour had a bill of the timber drawn out. Then each one was requested to state what he would do, and in a short time a plan of operations was agreed on for building a sawmill, a grist mill and a bridge. The two mills are to be on opposite sides of the stream. It is probable that by the middle of June you will, if you go by there, see the saw mill in full operation. Mr. Finch ex-



pects to start to-morrow or next day with four men to score and hew the logs—in short the business is “going straight along,” as if they meant to have something done. I think I got a pretty good idea of the New England settler, a hundred and fifty, or two hundred years ago, at Mr. Alexander’s. He has 40 head of cattle, and a large house built of logs. The men and boys work as if they were alive. Mr. Turner had the logs chopped and drawn for the log house, which he commenced Wednesday afternoon. But I must hasten to a conclusion. We were up at 5 o’clock Saturday morning, Jan. 20. We had some of the pickerel cooked for breakfast, and at sunrise the teams were harnessed and we were on our way to St. Anthony. It was quite cold and most of our party were well bundled up. Mr. Sentelle and Frank Nutting were wrapped up in comforters, so you could not see anything of them. Levi Nutting had a large blanket wrapped around him and tied close to his neck with his handkerchief, just leaving a hole through that he might see to drive. Mr. North had on extra underclothes, a common sized great coat, and one of uncommon size over that reaching to his heels, and double. I covered myself with the quilt, in the bottom of the sled, and made out to keep from freezing. However, we were glad to get to Mr. Laird’s, after riding fifteen miles over the prairie against a northwester. I forgot to say that we had an addition to our company of two—Mr. Haskins, from Boston, and Mr. Turner, from Ohio. They went as far as Mendota—Mr. Laird’s folks were improving, their horses had gained some strength and they had got a load of wood. We took turns in warming; ate a luncheon from our carpet bags, and gave what was left to them. We then went on to Carr’s where the horses were baited. Mr. North and I walked on about two miles, and stopped in a log house till the teams came up. We then went on to Mendota, where we warmed up again. It was now about five o’clock and growing colder. Here Mr. Haskins and Mr. Turner left us, and, a short distance farther on Mr. Moffatt; then Mr. North and I got into the Nutting sled, and Mr. Finch went home, he living seven or eight miles from St. Anthony. I took my seat with Levi, and was glad enough to get a whole buffalo to wrap around me, though even then, it was rather severe, as I was more exposed than I had been before. We were all glad to see the lights gleaming from the windows in Minneapolis. In a few moments we had crossed the Mississippi and were in St. Anthony,<sup>13</sup> and went first to the post office, where I found two letters from you, and then home to supper. It was delightful to get into Mr. North’s warm dining room, with a mahogany table, clean cloth, and an astral lamp, everything comfortable and convenient, with plenty of room. This week preparations are making for a return. Mr. Finch has already gone with provisions, axes, and men. Mr. Nutting will go on Friday (26th) and Mr. North and I shall probably go next week. I expect to be engaged in surveying for a month or more, and shall not have time, I presume, to write another long letter. Mr. North has given up his business in St. Anthony, is talking about a new house in Faribault and probably will have his family there before another winter. Here is the end of the beginning.

*Note W.M.N.—Following are explanations to the reference numbers in the text.*

<sup>1</sup>VERMILLION RIVER flows northeasterly across Dakota County through Farmington and empties into the Mississippi River at Hastings. Mr. Laird's place was on this stream about a mile west of Empire and five miles east of Farmington, where the OLD TRAIL afterwards (Stage Coach Road) known as the Hastings-St. Paul-Faribault Trail, crossed the stream going south and north.

<sup>2</sup>ALEXANDER'S was northeast of Northfield at what is now the edge of Carleton College Campus on the Old Trail and Stage Coach Road, referred to above, and which passed directly through the College grounds. There are marked evidences that at a very early day, there was at least a branch of this road traversing the high ground on the east side of Carleton Campus and through the town of Northfield off onto the prairie toward Cannon City.

Of the motley throngs that passed to and fro on that road in the days gone by, many there were of our own kin, bearing the name of NUTTING and whose memory we revere in kind remembrance, for their courage and perseverance in founding a new Nutting Colony fifteen miles further up the valley at Faribault.

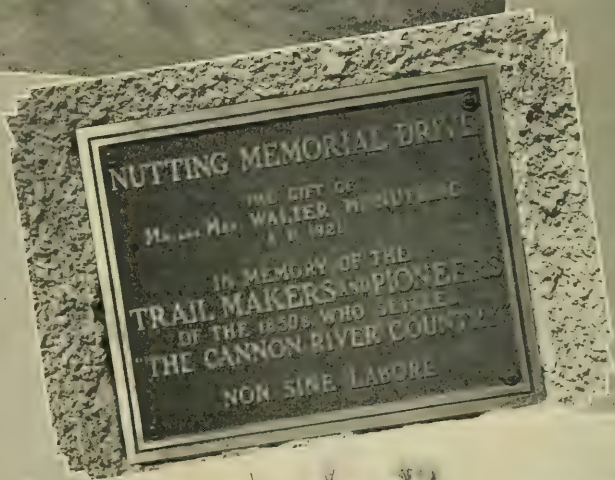
<sup>3</sup>Messrs. North, Moffatt and Finch "going to examine the river for a mill site," was in Northfield where the dam, the mill and the bridge are now, and which locality became the center of the business district of the city, named it is claimed, after Mr. North and a man by the name of Field. Messrs. Moffatt and Finch were probably carpenters or mechanics from St. Anthony to help Mr. North.

<sup>4</sup>"The forest about 3 miles long before reaching Faribault," was east of town where the road came through Cannon City from Northfield and crossed Straight River into Faribault at the old upper ford near the old stone mill and Front (now Division) Street.

<sup>5</sup>Mr. CRUMP'S PLACE afterwards became known as Crump's Hall and was used for public gatherings and the holding of court.

<sup>6</sup>"The Nutting party who preceeded the others into town," undoubtedly took the shorter route, coming in over the lower Cannon City Road, fording the Straight River at or about 14th Street, just above the junction with the Cannon River. This is doubtless the same way all the NUTTINGS came into town from the north, after the very first visits as early as 1853. That next spring in April, 1855, the Truman Nutting family drove down from St. Anthony with the pony team hitched to the prairie schooner which had brought them all the way from Massachusetts. I have herd my father tell of the difficulties and dangers in fording the swollen stream at that particular time of year. How the horses were swum across and the wagon filled with household goods and all their earthly belongings, floated over; and how Charles Wood( afterward Sheriff Wood) the Ferry Man, took the family across in a round bottom dugout boat, one or two at a time. When it came to Grandmother Mary Nutting and the smallest children, the admonition was given in most forceful language "not to touch the sides of the boat for fear of their lives." (Chas. Wood was grandfather of Mayor Chas. Wood Turner and his brothers and sister).





MEMORIAL BRIDGE, CARLETON COLLEGE, NORTHFIELD, MINN.



<sup>7</sup>"THE BEAUTIFUL SUSPENSION BRIDGE" (See picture p. 257). Our Levi Nutting had the contract for hauling the steel and iron for this bridge from the boats at St. Paul to St. Anthony a distance of about 12 miles. One of the younger Nuttings, John, son of Truman, was engaged at this job during the spring and summer of 1854, driving the "pony" team.

<sup>8</sup>"The Indian Burying Ground" was on the site of the old Doyle's Stone Quarry, now near the Garfield Grade School overlooking the Straight River Valley.

<sup>9</sup>"A Mr. Morris." This was undoubtedly Walter Morris who afterwards became interested in the founding of the town of Morristown.

<sup>10</sup>Mr. Hulett was one of the very first settlers in Faribault and had made his first visit to the place in May, 1853 in company with Levi Nutting and a few others who had driven down from St. Paul.

<sup>11</sup>"Two Doctors from St. Paul." These were undoubtedly Doctors Bemis, father and brother of Dr. Nathan M. Bemis, all three of whom came to Faribault in the month of June that same year, 1855, and boarded at the Truman Nutting Hotel. Dr. Nathan M. Bemis was one of the first and oldest physicians of Faribault and was practicing as late as the 80's. He was grandfather of the Graves boys and Mrs. Harry Smith.

<sup>12</sup>"Bully Wells" lived at the lower end of Wells Lake named after him. In the early days he had a deer park on his land fenced in with poles and slabs.

<sup>13</sup>St. Anthony (see picture p. 257). The Nuttings lived here for about a year or two (1853-4) when they first came to the State (then territory) and lived on the bank of the river up the road or path from the steamboat landing and a short distance below the Falls.

### **"The Old Territorial Road"**

ONE OF THE FIRST IN THE STATE

NUTTING MEMORIAL DRIVE

It was this old north and south Pioneer Trail of the early fifties "via Alexander's" and Waterford, that afforded the occasion for the development of a Memorial Drive and Concrete Bridges started in 1926, on the south and eastern heights of Carleton College Campus, Northfield, Minn., overlooking the famous Lyman Lakes and the Girl's Athletic Field.

The bronze plates read as follows:—

NUTTING MEMORIAL DRIVE

*the gift of*

MR. AND MRS. WALTER M. NUTTING

A. D. 1926

*In memory of*

THE TRAIL MAKERS AND PIONEERS

*of the 1850's; who settled*

"THE CANNON RIVER COUNTRY."

*Non Sine Labore*

JULIANA NUTTING (KENDALL), MEDFORD, STEELE COUNTY  
MINNESOTA TERRITORY, 1856-68.

## "MOTHER'S STORY"

Copied Nov. 12, 1926 by W. M. Nutting, Faribault, Minn., from hand written book entitled, "Mother's Story," written by Mrs. Julia K. S. Hibbard, 150 Warrenton Ave., Hartford, Conn., being the story of her life from the time of her birth, Oct. 24, 1844, to April 3, 1888, and dedicated to her two daughters, Faith and Ruth.

Mrs. Hibbard is now 82 years old, living with her married daughter, Mrs. Faith Brainard at the above address. She kindly loaned me the book from which I have copied only the portion telling of her life and experiences and those of her mother, JULIANA NUTTING (KENDALL) in Minnesota, 1856 to 1868.

**Mother's Story**

WE left Saybrook, Conn., July 18th, 1856 and it was August 12th when we reached our journey's end. Stopping at New London, Conn., where we had dinner with Mr. Dart's family (formerly Saybrook neighbors) we went on to Palmer, Mass., where father's sisters and mother lived. I do not remember the length of our visits there, or in Amherst, Mass., but know we were at Uncle's Bridgman's part of the time, and the cousins there were about our sizes and ages. We stopped at Geneva, N. Y., to see father's cousin, Henry Jones, and were so tired after the night on the train. You can have no idea in these days, of the roughness of the roadbeds in those days. The steamboat, *Queen of the West*, which we took at Buffalo, seemed a palace, and the ladies cabin a grand parlor. I noticed people helping themselves to water from a tank, and as it was the first I had ever seen, did not understand just how it worked, but prompted by thirst and curiosity, resolved (when there was no one near) to try it, but to my great dismay, could not stop the flow of the water, and after filling the dozen glasses at hand, turned and fled from the cabin. I have often wondered as to the amount of damage done, and what was said when the stewardess discovered it. We were to visit Mother's sister Judith and family and her brother Eli and family, in Kent, Ohio, but dear little Minnie was so sick by the time we left the boat at Cleveland that it was ten days before she recovered sufficiently to travel again. The railroad terminus was at Galena, Illinois, as far west as we could go by train. The boat up the Mississippi river was crowded. While father secured a berth for mother and the baby, the rest of us slept on the cabin floor, when the bed-bugs did not keep us awake. The river was low, and spending much time on sandbars, we were four days in reaching Hastings. Then, in a crowded stage, we began our journey across the Minnesota prairies. At noon we stopped for dinner at the first log house we ever entered, and I doubtless deserved the reproof of a fellow passenger, who sharply told me to stop staring around so and to eat my dinner. At night another log house received us, but afternoon of the second day brought us to our own log house on East Prairie, Steele Co. Minnesota territory. What a change from our

eastern home! The house was sixteen by twenty-four feet, the largest on that prairie, and the only one having a shingled roof. The logs were hewn, so that the sides were comparatively smooth. The house was all in one room then, and the floor was of rough boards, loosely laid, but as we gathered around a dry goods box to eat our supper—with two glad, big boys, who had been homesick for their mother—I can remember the thanksgiving note in the blessing father asked, and as a re-united family, we felt it was home indeed, but how hard it was for mother, we children little realized. No well of water, only a hole in a slough (pronounced slew) quite a ways from the house, and we were afraid to walk in the prairie grass, after hearing the rattlesnake stories, and there were no roads at that time. It was not like the flat prairies of Indiana and Illinois, but a rolling country, with some nice hills, and within sight of a strip of timber or woods, which skirted Straight River, six miles west of us. We had been there about six weeks and had often seen the smoke of distant prairie fires and at night a long, low flame—when father came in one day and said the fires were coming nearer, and the boys must help him set a back fire, for the strong winds would soon bring the flames upon us. We all tried to help by bringing water, as the men tried to keep the back fire within bounds by beating it with wet grain bags, but the great fire came roaring on, and the air was filled with bunches of the dried and burning grass, sent by the furious winds high in the air and rods ahead to catch again, by leaps and bounds, and father told us to run into the house. There were a few feet of ground around the house covered with clay that was thrown from the cellar, so the fire did not touch the house, but was so close that the windows were too hot to touch—and when it had passed there was only a black stretch of country as far as the eye could reach and I remember Mother as being glad, when, two months later, the snow covered it from sight. But oh, the deep snow of that first winter, never afterwards was there anything like it. When the log stable had been built for the oxen and cows, father set up a work-bench in the house and smoothed the boards and relaid the floors, upstairs and down, and partitioned off the rooms, so there were two chambers, and good stairs to reach them, a bedroom down stairs besides the pantry or buttery as we called it then, and the larger room was our living, dining-room and kitchen. There were shelves in convenient places, and then came the making of the furniture. Four bedsteads, two lounges or frames which Mother upholstered; a nice table with drop leaves, and drawers in each end, with little compartments, a work-stand for mother, wooden candle-sticks, besides yokes for the oxen, also a big ox-sled and ax handles for the woodchoppers, were some of the articles he made during the winter, and there were many days spent in the woods, making rails for the new fences in the spring. Mother made moccasins for the men from the buffalo skins, or robes, that were brought from the east, and mittens also. The wolves were plentiful in those days (how they did howl at night!) and Frank killed a few by placing poisoned meat where they would find it, then he skinned them, tanning their hides. He also shot a coon and killed another with the gun-stock, not having time to re-load, and how proudly he wore the cap which Mother made for him from that skin, and it was a handsome



as any fur cap to be seen, and they were common in those days in that country. When the long winter was over and the blackened prairie grew green, there also sprang up beautiful flowers, many kinds like our garden flowers in the east. Then the prairie was beautiful. That summer Leonora taught school in the house of a neighbor a mile away, but the second summer a log school house was built—near it was a big rock—a rare thing on the prairie. The Rock school house was a mile and a half from us, and was also used for Sunday services, where many different ministers, of different denominations preached to us, as the years went by. Five miles north of us was the Beardsley neighborhood, where Lyman taught school one winter, and there was formed a Congregational church with a minister of their own, the Rev. Frank Haviland who lived at Cannon City. When we went to church (?) in those days, if we walked, there was often water in the sloughs, and unless there was a fence across the slough, we either had to go a long way around, or take off our shoes and stockings and wade through. It was all right if there was a fence, for by holding to the top rail one could easily walk sideways with feet on the lower rail or the next one to it, according to the depth of the water. But we generally rode in the farm wagon drawn by oxen, especially when we went to the Beardsley school house. Isa always cared so much more for out-of-doors life than I did, and she took so much interest in the animals that father used to trust her much more than he did the boys to tell if anything was wrong, or if there was any sickness among the stock. She boiled oats every day one winter for some calves that needed extra care and raised Nanny, a little black lamb, by hand. One cold day, before the boys ventured out, she let out seventeen head of stock from their stanchions, and watered them, drawing up the water by hand. While she was still a small, slender girl, I remember on her return from school one night, her triumphant announcement that she had beaten every boy in school, walking on the top rail of the fence, also that she was the only big (?) scholar who was able to wriggle through the window where a pane of glass had been broken out, and there were no large panes of glass in that school house, I assure you. I remember of only one quarrel in our lives, and I was wholly to blame. One day father brought in a little green snake, and in spite of my protestations, she played with it a while, then took it out of doors to let it have its freedom. I followed, and hateful enough to kill it, for though, I always despised snakes, even little green ones. I believe though, I was always good to Carlo, and the many cats that lived their lives with us. You may remember my telling you the story of the black bear (a small one) that followed Isa one wintry day, when for some reason she went to school alone. There was only one house that we passed on our way to school and Mr. Pierce—who was at work around his stable—came out with his pitchfork and chased the bear away as it was rapidly gaining upon her. Once, the men caught sight of a very large bear, and it was soon killed, and Frank was so delighted over the affair—as he was crazy over hunting and trapping—that he kept one of its big feet in brine for months—often exhibiting it as a souvenir. I think it made his adored stories by Capt. Mayne Reid seem more realistic than ever. We were on the stage road from



Red Wing to Owatonna (after roads were laid out) and were often called upon to entertain travelers. One night, just as we were ready to eat a supper we especially liked—big griddle-cakes—which Mother buttered and sugared as she piled them up, a wagon full of men stopped at the door and the spokesman asked Mother to keep them over night. She thought it impossible, but he coaxed, saying they would eat anything—even woodchucks, but they ate our girrdle-cakes instead, to our great disappointment. You may wonder where eight men could sleep when there was only one spare bed in the house, but with extra bed-ticks filled with hay, we girls slept on the floor in father and Mother's bedroom, the boys on the kitchen floor, and the two chambers with two beds in each were given to Capt. Granger and his men, who were hurrying to the scene of the Spirit Lake massacre where Capt. Granger's brother had been killed. The relatives from Faribault used to make us welcome visits—for Mother's kin were fine people, and it was a great event in our lives to go over there—though we often traveled those fifteen miles with ox teams, for it was five or six years before we had horses. I'm not telling of things in their proper order, quite likely, but during the early years a summer kitchen was added to the house and later, father built a shop and a granary, fences were made, trees set out, a good well was dug close to the house, flower beds around the doors, vines at the windows, but before all these improvements were made there came the hard years. I think it must have been in 1857 or 8 that the crops failed on account of long continued rains. I only know that there was no wheat to be made into flour, and no money with which to buy it. Thirty miles away there was corn to be had, and father sold one of the cows, and went to Cannon Falls, coming home with a load of corn, which was shelled and ground in the mill father had brought from the east, and the neighbors for miles around used to bring their corn and grind it there too. I know there was a little stock of flour on hand for sometimes Mother would make biscuits for a treat, which meant more to us than a loaf of nice cake in ordinary times and then we had milk and eggs but we did get so tired of johnny-cake before the next wheat crop was harvested. Mother would make good things from the most unpromising materials. Those were years when she made the children's little shoes (and Isa's and my best ones) from pieces of thick, dark cloth for the tops, and the soles would be made from old boot-legs, and they were fitted nicely and well made. We cut the straw from the fields and braided it in plain and fancy braids which she taught us how to make, then she would color and sew our hats, and we trimmed them ourselves. All the summer hats for the men and boys were made at home for many years. Candles were made by the dozen, during the winter season, enough to last through the year, and starch we made by grating raw potatoes. Yeast and soap were manufactured at home; beef and pork were cured and put in brine, while cheese and butter making were only part of the common work, and there was never a sewing machine in those days to help in making the clothes for ten persons. Gloves she made for more than her own family as her skill became known, the back-sides of fur, and the inside of the hand part of buck-skin. Then when we had sheep, she spun the yarn, making the fine wool into soft sephyr which

furnished materials for pretty hoods and scarfs. All the stockings for the whole family were made from yarn she had spun, and there was a coarse, heavy kind she also made for our Polish boots, for we would have frozen our feet walking a mile and a half to school, way below zero weather, if it had not been for the knitted overshoes. The picture before me, of those long winter evenings is like this. After the little children were in bed, Mother's work-stand and rocking-chair were placed near the stove, two candles were lighted—if her sewing was on dark cloth, we would light three—and after we girls had washed the supper dishes, and a pan full of potatoes, ready for father to put in the oven in the morning, we would knit and take turns in reading aloud. From Mother's relatives in Faribault came many of the books that were new to us, and Frank borrowed books for miles around, our own supply too, went all around the neighborhood and then the weekly newspapers from the east were thoroughly read, and when a place new to us was mentioned, Mother would have us locate it on the map, so we found the evenings the best part of the day. Some times a neighbor would come in, and father would tell his best stories and we would have popped corn for refreshments. Two or three years later we had lyceums and spelling schools, and a paper, but most of our pleasures were in the home life. A few weeks in the winter was my scant portion of schooling, until the fall of 1859 I went to Faribault and working to pay for my board in the family of Uncle Levi Nutting, attended the district school. It was my first separation from Isa, and the others, but good for me to have the opportunity. I went home for a few days at New Year's for then came the first wedding in the family when Leonora married Horace Whitney Taylor, whom we had been learning to love for two years or more, even if we didn't love him in the same way she did. They were married Sunday morning, Jan. 1st, 1860 by Mr. Hinck who was our minister in those days. Jennie, our baby, declared she was "mahwied to Hormaty Taylor too," and insisted on going to live with them when they began housekeeping on his farm two and a half miles from us. I returned home from school in March and in April, we went to the Beardsley home to attend another family wedding. This time it was our brother Lyman and dear good Mary Ann Beardsley who were the principal actors, and their new home was only half a mile from us. No wedding journeys in those days of simple living, but just as much happiness.

That summer, before I was sixteen—I taught my first school, a few miles from home. It makes me blush now to think of some of the green things I did in those young days. It was only a two months school and I had eight dollars a month and boarded around. In the summer of 1861 there came to the Taylor home the first baby, Ernest Ansel, and a dear sweet baby he was. Three weeks later a fair little girl baby, Nettie, was the first Kendall grandchild. How fine it was when all the families were at father's as often happened. Frank was at Winona attending school some winter about that period. The war cloud was now over the land, and in the summer of 1862 came President Lincoln's call for "three hundred thousand more," and there were war meetings all over the land, and the young men—all of them, enlisting. Frank and Lyman, with many others of our

friends were in Co. A, 7th Reg. Minn. Volunteers. As it was just harvest time and so many leaving the farms meant great loss, the new troops were given two weeks furlough in order to save the wheat crop. The Indians thought they had left the state, and planned to take revenge for the wrongs they had suffered at the hands of dishonest agents, and so came the news of the massacre at New Ulm, sixty miles away. The order was sent out for the new troops to report immediately at Fort Ridgeley. It came in the night, and there were the hurried preparations amid the rumors of the horrors our loved ones were to face. The memory of that August night is this. I was teaching in the Frink school house five miles from home, but little more than a mile from the Beardsley home where Lyman with Mary and Nettie were spending his two weeks of furlough. Charley Frink, a young man where I boarded during that summer's teaching, had been kind and thoughtful, taking me home when Friday night came, and we had come to be dear friends. That night as we went together to "father Beardsleys" there seemed no words that could be uttered. Once he spoke, "If we never meet again on earth Julia, we will in Heaven." Then we entered the home where Lyman and Mary were sitting with white faces and clasped hands. Father Beardsley—one of the saints on earth—took his Bible and read the ninety-first Psalm before we knelt in prayer. I never hear a verse from the psalm, but the whole scene comes back to me. When the big wagon full of men—Frank was there—coming from home—when it left us the faint dawn was just beginning to show in the east. There were no railroads, no mail routes out in that country where the Indians had taken their captives, and it was two weeks before we heard of their first encounter with the Indians—the battle of Wood Lake, where Charley found a soldier's grave.

Every one expected the Indians at any time, and some slept in their cornfields or hid themselves there for several night, and three families came to father's house for two or three nights for protection and safety, and to encourage each other through the trying hours. It needs uncle Frank to tell you war stories. They suffered much as they marched through that desolate country, where they overtook and captured the Indians beyond the Missouri river—and released between two and three hundred women and girls, bringing them home or to what was left of their homes. Thirty-eight of the chief Indians were hung at Mankato, and instead of going south to fight for their country, the troops were stationed along the frontier to defend their own. So it was possible to go and visit them, and most of them were allowed short furloughs sometimes during the winter, and Mother went to take care of Lyman when he was sick with the measles, for ten weeks after that August night Corinne Kendall opened her eyes to the troublous times—and Mary could not go to Lyman when he was sick. Later on, however, Nettie and Corinne were brought to Grandpa Kendalls and then Mary went for a two weeks visit with her husband. In the summer of 1863 the Minn. regiments went south. It was in June that Lula Taylor came to Horace and Leonora. That fall Frank sent home money for Mother to go to Massachusetts to visit her Mother. Dear boy, so homesick for his own, he wanted her to have the comfort that could not come to him. He



was only twenty-one then. Lyman, who was a fine penman, was detailed as Gen. Meredith's head clerk, and Frank missed his brother for they were seldom together after that. Mother left us in November and "Lyman's Mary" with the dear little girls came to stay with us, and greatly helped in the home making. In February, Horace and Leonora, with their two little ones, also went to New England to spend a year in Buckland, with his parents. I went with father as he took them to Rice Lake—our nearest R. R. station then, holding tight in my arms my much loved "Ernie," and crying all the way home because of the loneliness. Just the home-keeping, caring for the children, writing to our soldier boys and our blessed Mother, reading and re-reading their letters, trying to care for father as Mother would do, were our occupations during that winter. April was made memorable by Mother's return, and the treasures she brought from the east were wonderful in our eyes. The first clothes-wringer we had ever seen, had been given her by Uncle George and Aunt Amelia. She also brought our first photograph Album, with many pictures of the relatives. Our own personal gifts—the pretty gold and coral pins that Aunt Hannah sent to us, "for being good girls," were the first pieces of jewelry Isa and I owned. But best of all, and above all, was the presence of our blessed Mother. You can read histories about the war and the different battles, and I couldn't tell if I tried all about those events, nor how the very sunshine seemed like darkness when the news came in April, 1865 of the assassination of our loved President, Abraham Lincoln, just in the midst of rejoicing that the war was over. I think it was in June when Lyman and Frank came home to us from Southern hospitals. Horace and Leonora had returned from the east, and the next spring, 1866, they removed to a farm near Faribault, and I went to work in a millinery establishment in Faribault, boarding with Mrs. Winter, a cousin of Mother's, at first, and later with Mrs. Leavens—Mr. Winter's daughter. My life was pleasant there and I formed new friendships, and also went often to spend Sundays with the Taylors, and that household numbered three children before September had passed. Clarence being the latest comer.

That winter I kept house for Mr. Riedell and his two boys, and a teacher in one the schools boarded with us, and as we were roommates and very congenial, Jennie Gardner was an unusually dear friend. We joined the Good Templars and enjoyed many things together. The following summer we united with the Congregational Church in Faribault under Mr. Gale's ministry. I had gone back to the shop to work for Mr. Leavens, but boarded at Mr. Riedells. Jennie Kellogg was the head milliner that year and such a bright lively girl. Cousin Lin could tell you of the time he took Jennie and me out to East Prairie. To go back a little I must write of Frank's marriage in Jan. 1867 to Mary Barrett of Faribault, and they immediately went to Minneapolis where Frank was then at work and was making his home. That spring father sold the prairie home—the log house in which we lived for nearly eleven years, and moved to Medford on Straight river, six miles west of the old place. So when I went home in July to stay with Mother, it was to a new home, a pleasant house after father had made a number of improvements. Then began the changes for



Isa and me. Aunt Hattie and Uncle Smith, who was pastor of the Congregational church in Southbury, Conn., wanted Isa to come and live with them, and in Dec. of that year she went to New England to spend two years with them. It was so hard to have so many miles between us, and I think we spent the last night in each other's arms, weeping. We also promised each other that we wouldn't get married during that two year's absence from each other, for Johnnie Sanborn and Josie Sawyer were already in the habit of coming home with us from Good Templar's Lodge and evening meetings, and they were both very nice, lovable persons. It was in spite of Isa's absence, a happy winter, and before its close the great joy of "loving and being loved," had taken possession of my life. The Sanborn brothers went to Windsor, Missouri in the spring of 1868, and father promised J. that he would go there during the summer, before he purchased a farm elsewhere, which promise was fulfilled, and the farm in Missouri which you, Faithie, can remember, was the new home to which we moved in the fall of 1869.

### **A Wedding Journey in 1857**

MASSACHUSETTS TO MINNESOTA

When Ways of Travel were Primitive and the Middle West  
Was a Pioneer Country.

Written by Luthera A. Nutting wife of Gen. Levi Nutting  
For the *Springfield Sunday Republican* about 1911.

**T**HIS is not the romantic love tale of a fair bride and her brave Lochinvar. To be sure my lover had "come out of the West" but he was anything but the handsome youth of song and story when he first appeared at my home that autumn. He was tired and worn with the long journey and he looked much older than the man I had seen leave for the West just a few years before. But I could lay little claim to youth for those were days when girls grew old very quickly, and I had spent most of my 30 years in a little New England community where there were 30 college widows along one village street. My "Lochinvar," however, lacked nothing of the daring and determination of a younger lover, and within a week we were married and on our way to the West.

It was late November and we had no time to lose if we were to reach the Mississippi before navigation closed for the winter. So we started on a Saturday, and to ease my New England Sabbath-conscience my husband promised we should spend Sunday quietly at Niagara, though he assured me that Sundays would come once a week in Minnesota just as they did in Massachusetts.

But the wind that had whirled the soft sugar-snow in our faces as we crossed the ferry at Albany was biting cold in front of the falls at Niagara, and I was glad to hurry to the shelter of the first train that left for Minnesota. It grew continually colder, and when we reached Dubuque we were delighted to find that there was still one chance to make the trip up the river. Early in the morning we were on the boat ready to start. But the boat waited; first for another train-load of passengers, then for a

wind more favorable to such a heavily-loaded vessel, and then the captain said he dared not start till morning. In the morning the *Little Nancy* refused to move. She was frozen fast, and so were our hopes of a trip up the river. People rushed about frantically, some of them hopelessly stranded. One little old man from our part of Massachusetts attached himself to our party. "I've known your husband some years," he said, "and have never known him to get into a place he couldn't get out of yet; and I know he will want to get you safe home." He was taking a Sunday-school library out to Minnesota where his son had a sawmill and was going to start a town. The town has never been built yet.

Before we left Dubuque my husband bought a new outfit of clothes for me. There were heavy woolen shoes to slip over my congress gaiters, a knitted jacket with frills around the sleeves and waist called a sontag after Mme. Sontag, a hood and a huge bright Indian blanket, just such as the Indians wore except that it was clean. At Dyersville, where we left the railroad, I took off my hoops, my ashes of roses and arrayed myself in my frontier outfit of clashing reds topped by a black striped blanket.

The first day we traveled 40 miles across open prairies and rolling bluffs in a carry-all that had brought a load of discouraged westerners back to the railroad only a few days before. Everything was new to me and I was intensely interested. I found that the Indians knew what sort of wraps to wear in this climate, for I was perfectly comfortable even when I had given my little extra shawl to the young man from Connecticut who had only a silk hat and light overcoat. The half-way house, the only dwelling we saw in that 40 miles, was near a stretch of timber, and there, beside the trees the men pointed out to me a pack of wolves.

Our second Sunday we spent at Independence, Iowa. I hadn't a bonnet to wear to church for mine was in the bottom of my trunk, but my landlady offered to lend hers. My husband had to stay at home to get the "prairie schooner" ready for the rest of our journey, but the little old man of the Sunday-school library offered his escort and I set out to prove that Sundays had crossed the Mississippi, and after church I had a delightful visit with the Sunday-school superintendent, who came from my own county in Massachusetts.

The next day they piled my trunks up at the back of the prairie schooner, put my feather beds on them, filled the bottom of the wagon with straw and covered it with a carpet, and we mounted the feather beds, ready for our long journey. Our driver bargained to take us through to Fari-bault, Minn., stopping only for meals and lodgings.

Our first stop was at a log-house that had the unusual luxury of a sitting-room and a kitchen downstairs and an upstairs that was partitioned off by rag carpets. Our hosts welcomed us like old friends and we found that our hostess's sister lived in my home town, and I had seen her husband pass my house every day for three years. For 24 years this woman had been out here in the wilds and in all that time had only once seen a familiar face. She said she wanted to call in her nearest neighbors, who were only three miles away, and have a celebration. But we had to hurry on, for we were meeting all sorts of weather and could make only slow progress at best.

One day when the wind was sweeping furiously over the prairies my husband stood up in the schooner and sang:—

*Howl, winds of night;  
Your force combine;  
Without God's high behest  
Ye cannot on yon mountain's pine  
Disturb the sparrow's nest.*

As the "howl" came out in my husband's powerful bass voice, the driver halted suddenly to know what the matter was, but I reassured him by saying it was only my husband's singing he heard.

We changed from sleds to wagons with the changing weather and from one driver to another, as each got tired of his job and sold us off to another, more hopeful. Often we found it impossible to make the stops we had planned for, and one day after we had made only four miles because of the awful mud, we had to put up at an unfinished hotel in a six-months old town. Twenty men were sitting about in the one huge downstairs room off the kitchen. That day they were plastering and making elderberry pies in the kitchen and the combination made it so uncomfortable that I went to bed to escape it. But questionable food, long exposure and surface water to drink had made me distinctly uncomfortable for some days, and when we drew up before our next stop I was feeling quite ill. It was a desolate enough looking place. Thanksgiving had been proclaimed by the governor of Massachusetts and loyal down-Easters were celebrating, the men by a turkey-shoot, the women by going off to a friend's for dinner.

There was nobody left to look after us but the men and the hired girls. They gave us the best supper they could but it was not very tempting: biscuits made of the dark, uncleansed Minnesota flour, streaked with yellow where the soda was not well mixed in; butter that was white with now and then a dark line in it, tea very strong and very black, and cabbage; boiled cabbage, baked cabbage, cold slaw, hot slaw—cabbage in seven styles, my husband said. I went to bed early feeling sicker than ever. But about 10 o'clock my hostess came in. She had been so homesick she wanted to die, she said, so she went off and had a good Thanksgiving dinner, but she was sorry I had had nothing fit to eat, so she got me some white bread and made some good tea and toast and left me to a restful sleep.

The thaw had swollen the streams and as we went north the floods seemed to be deeper. Once we were told it would be impossible to cross a stream. But we succeeded in hiring a man who would venture it, and though the horses went down to their bodies in the water the stream was so narrow at its deepest point that the wagon sprang right over. But I was not in the least afraid for I knew that four men wouldn't let one woman drown.

Austin was to be our last stop before Faribault, but eight miles this side we had to stop, just after we had crossed the Minnesota line. I felt better the minute I entered that household. The hostess certainly knew just what to do to make tired travelers happy. After we had had a good supper with real white bread, she showed us to our room, which was simply



a bed in a corner, curtained off from the rest of the room. Two of the guests slept out in the lean-to—as airy as the modern sleeping porch. But we, and the rest of the family, who were disposed about on the floor of the living-room, felt decidedly hot and stuffy when, the last thing before retiring, the hostess roasted the coffee for breakfast. But I got up in the morning feeling entirely well, and my husband laughingly said, “Just see what a change Minnesota has made in you. You felt better the minute you crossed the line.”

At noon we reached Austin and hoped to make the 40 miles to Faribault that afternoon. But again we were forced to stop. Our driver gave up in disgust. It had snowed heavily but had not frozen and the roads were almost impassable. That night my husband felt ill, and I got up to get him a drink of water from the pail in the kitchen. In the morning we found three drowned mice in the bottom of the pail. But my husband felt much better.

Finally we found a man who would take us on. About six miles from home we had to cross the Straight river, so called, my husband said, because it was so crooked. It was rushing over its banks like a spring freshet, and the bridge was all under water. But we were eager to get home, so we decided to try the crossing, and we sat upon our trunks high and dry, while the horses plunged through the water which flowed over the bridge.

As we drove into Faribault my husband's neighbors, many of whom I had known down East greeted us heartily, and congratulated us on getting safe home. But we were an odd-looking bridal party in our woolen wraps and Indian blankets, and tired and worn with our long journey, and as we drove up to the largest house in Faribault, we were oddly welcomed. This was the house that was to be my home for the next 20 years, where we were to entertain Phillips Brooks, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Horace Greeley. But this day our guests were three discouraged, jobless men, who were loafing in front of our big fireplace. For it was the hard times of the winter of '57. But in spite of the hard times we suffered no real privations, and had a very happy first winter among our friends.

*Note—The author, who is now in her 88th year, formerly lived in this city and later in Faribault, Minn. Her home is now in Minneapolis, 2206 Garfield Avenue.*



## Chapter XVIII



### *Nutting Family Concert Troupes*

1865-1880

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## CHAPTER XVIII

### The Eight Nutting Brothers Concert Troupe

Time about 1865

*The following is copy of a letter written by Mrs. Ina Nutting, daughter of John Nutting, one of the Nutting Brothers Musical organization, in answer to request by your compiler, Walter M. Nutting, son of Elijah Nutting another one of the Eight Brothers.*

Cousin Walter:

Duluth, Minn., March 24, 1925.

Your letter just received and as Arthur is out of town, I will take it upon myself to answer your questions to the best of my ability. I hardly think that Arthur would be able to do very much in this line as he was only a little shaver and at that time back East with his mother. Here's where I have the advantage for I was on the ground and at most of the rehearsals which were held either at our house or Uncle Frank's. I believe that I'm about the only one left to tell of those days. The first concert was held at the Baptist Church in Faribault and the program as far as I can recall it was:

WE COME WITH SONGS ARRANGED BY NUTTING BROTHERS.  
Unfortunate Man.....John  
God Speed the Plow—Troupe.....Music by John  
The Laziest Man in All the Town.....Elijah  
By Old Oak Orchard.....Troupe  
Bread and Butter Song.....Frank  
Our Mother's Gentle Voice.....Troupe  
The Horticultural Wife (comic).....Troupe  
Over the Rover's Grave.....Troupe  
Rock Me to Sleep Mother (song and chorus).....John  
The Scientific Explanation of the Falling Meteors.....Elijah  
Beloved Eye.....John and Chorus  
Call Me not Back.....John and Chorus  
Tribute to Ellsworth.....Chorus  
Good Night (music by John).....Troupe

I have the large picture of father and small photos of Frank, Warren, and Alonzo taken about that time. Also have the picture of the whole family taken together, the one you mentioned. I really have a trunk full of things, clippings. If I wasn't so far away we could have quite a time looking them over. I have most of them in scrap books.

Walter, my only regret is that your and my children have never heard those sweet singers of the olden days. It has been my privilege to hear some of the best singers in the country, yet I have failed to find any, so far, to even compare with that combination, such beautiful voices, close harmony, and well balanced quartette work will rarely be heard again. I tell you, I for one am proud of the name "Nutting." Some of us have not amounted to much of course, but maybe it was want of education or opportunity. I didn't intend to write a book when I started, but you started me off. I always wanted to get all these ends gathered together myself.

Best regards to all, INA NUTTING.



**THE EIGHT  
NUTTING BROTHERS  
CONCERT TROUPE  
1865**

**Sons of Truman (B3)**

1	Henry	Cello	
2	Alonzo	Violin	
3	Frank	Violin	Tenor
4	John	Cello	Tenor
		Organ	
5	Sidney	Violin	
		Organ	
6	Elijah		Bass
7	Warren		Tenor
8	Truman	Violin	Tenor
		Organ	

LIBRARY





*Note—Ina and her younger sister, Lizzie, were members later of the John Nutting Family Concert Troupe."*

*In later letters Mrs. Ina Nutting writes:—*

THE FIRST NUTTING BROTHERS CONCERT which was held in the Baptist Church of Faribault must have been sometime in the fall or winter of 1865, judging from the John, Elijah Combination—the first program of which was dated March 21, 1866.

I have no recollection of how long or how many towns the brothers visited. I do not think they were out more than two or three months and they never left the state of Minnesota. I have a letter in my possession from mother which shows that they were working on this idea as far back as the year 1853 where she said Sid called on her and that he was nearly heartbroken, because John ran away, and that Frank would not continue anything in the music line. Grandfather Truman Nutting said he would give John his time if he would return. (*That was in Olean, N. Y. on their way west*).

I have sat and listened to stories by these Nutting Brothers for hours, especially Frank and John, sometimes your father (Elijah) till I knew their lives better, I think, than anyone else. I wish I could just talk to you. Jennie Willard was not in Faribault when the Concert Troupes started, but I was on the ground, sitting out in the old shop while they made brooms, Grandpa Nutting, Elijah, Warren and Truman. (*The old broom shop was on the Truman Nutting place in Faribault*).

You probably do not know that all the music used was composed and arranged by the boys—mostly Sidney and John. I cannot say as to where the brothers found the words to their many songs, with the exception of "The Good Night Song," which father wrote, both words and music. I remember several were by Sidney. I have heard many times that each brother made up his own part in their quartette work.

*Evidently whatever there was in the way of manuscript copies of the Eight Nutting Brother's Music—was passed on to the later Nutting Family musical organizations headed by John Nutting—for Mrs. Ina Nutting, his daughter, has further to say:—*

In regard to the boy's music. It was either lost or stolen in a hotel in St. Louis in 1872. All other music that father had, he kept, and if his second family has none of it, I do not know where it has gone. I have the manuscript of "Minnie May," and also "Old Oak Orchard's Rippling Stream"—thas it, the music."

### UNIQUE ADVERTISING STUNT

THE accompanying illustration shows the method employed by "THE EIGHT BROTHERS" for advertising their concerts, when late in the year 1865, as near as can be calculated, they actually got out onto the road. The box or case with handles closed and in carrying shape, is about 18x53 inches and 3 inches thick. When opened it discloses the nearly life size pictures of all eight Nutting Brothers, doubtless taken about the time mentioned above. This unique piece of advertising was displayed out in front of the concert hall or other conspicuous place about town on the day of

the evening they were to render their program in that particular community. This case is now in my keeping but was kept for many years in the attic of Grandfather Truman Nutting, West Division St., Faribault, and later, in the hay loft of the barn of Warren Nutting. After his death it was turned over to me by the purchaser of the place.—W.M.N.

### TRIBUTES TO

#### "THE EIGHT NUTTING BROTHERS"

As your compiler, I wish to add my contribution to the praise and fame of the Nutting Brothers Musical Combination. Whereas I was not so fortunate as cousin Ina Nutting and some few others of the kinsfolks, now living, to have heard them at the zenith of their musical career, that being before my time, I have nevertheless seen and known all the eight brothers more or less intimately from my childhood up. I have heard most of them either play their favorite instrument or sing their particular vocal part, or both, in the case of some of them, and have heard them tell of their early musical experiences, especially my father (Elijah).

We are told that the very beginnings of the Eight Nutting Brothers taste for music was back in old Nuttingville, South Amherst, Mass., when as children and youths in the 40's they were all at home with their father and mother, Truman and Lucinda Nutting (See family picture, B3). Each morning they gathered around the little sitting room for family worship and after the usual scripture readings and prayers they joined in singing the good old Methodist church tunes under parental leadership. Here was engendered and cultivated that intimate bond of sympathy of kindred spirits which is capable of being most highly developed between members of the same family and blood relation. This trait of human nature constitutes that essential requisite to the most perfect and impressive rendition of the art of music. In the lives of these brothers it characterized their associations together throughout life and found expression in the words and lyric of their music. The words to many of their pieces are herein printed, the majority of which have never before been published.

The idea of some kind of a family concert organization began to take shape about the time the family started on their way westward to their new home in Minnesota which was in the summer of 1852 as near as can be ascertained. By the time they were well established in Faribault, Minn., living in the First Hotel proper of the new town with their father Truman Nutting as its proprietor, the eight Nutting Brothers, probably about the year 1855 or 6, organized and put on what is regarded as the First Musical Production in Faribault. It was held in a small building near the site of the present Grand Opera House.

The program had as its principal feature besides instrumental numbers, a Negro Minstrel Show with Warren Nutting as the Nigger and End Man. The story is told of how the boys chased the black sheep of Alexander Faribault up and down the hills and through the brush all about the town to get a supply of black curly wool sufficient for a wig.

Later on, about 1860, we hear of how the boys used to practice their



# CONCERT!

**PROF. JOHN NUTTING  
AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS,**

**ELIJAH NUTTING,**

Will give, on the night of their

**VOCAL ENTERTAINMENTS**

AT

*Rogers Hall, Wabash St.*

ON

*Thursday March 21*

1866

Selections will be made from the following

## PROGRAMME.

Greeting Song,	By the Troupe.
Father, Come Home, Song,	Ina.
Rock me to Sleep, Song and Chorus,	John.
The Laziest Man, Comic Song,	John.
Call me not back, reply to Rock me to Sleep,	John.
A Dairy Maid, a Solo from the opera - the Haymakers,	Ina.
The Unfortunate Man, Comic Song,	John.
Under the Willow, Duett,	Ina and Lizzie.
Swinging Round the Circle, humorous song,	John & Troupe.
God Speed the Plow, Song & Chorus, Music by John, Troupe,	Ina.
The Three Angel Visitants, Song,	Ina.
By old oak orchard's rippling stream, song & chorus, Troupe,	John.
The Used Up Man, Comic,	John.
We met and we parted, Song, Music com. by John,	John.
Scientific explanation of the falling Meteors,	Elijah.
Beloved Star, or Thou art so near and yet so far,	John.
The Dying Boy, Descriptive,	John.
Battle Prayer,	John.
Tribute to Ellsworth	Troupe.

This Troupe is composed of PROF. JOHN NUTTING and his two little girls, the youngest being only seven years old, the other nine. These little musical prodigies astonish all who listen to their singing, being able to sustain their respective parts in a quartette never before performed by children of their age, while their pathetic songs are rendered in the most soul stirring manner, drawing tears from many who hear them sing. Prof. John Nutting, whose wide reputation as a comic balladist is one to draw large houses every where; for every one who wishes to enjoy a hearty laugh will go and see the man with an India Rubber face.

ELIJAH NUTTING, his brother, with his rich bass voice makes the Troupe complete. This gives the people of this community a rare opportunity of listening to mirth and music combined.

Concert to Commence at 7 1-2 P. M.

ADMISSION 25 CENTS; CHILDREN 15 CTS.

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FIRST PROGRAM JOHN NUTTING  
FAMILY CONCERT TROUPE, 1866.

Courtesy Ina Nutting.



pieces while milking the cows down in the old cow barn out on the Doctor Jewett place and their constant endeavor under those rather unique environments, was to see how close and fine they could make their voices harmonize.

Chico, Cal., 1928.

Walter:—

There is a little item that might interest you if you touch on the musical ability of the Nutting Boys. I have heard father and mother tell it many times in connection with the early days of Faribault. When they held their church services in Crump's Hall. The boys used to take their musical instruments, and go there to the hall and play for an hour at a time, just to amuse themselves. And on Sunday while they were thus engaged the minister came in and wanted to know what they were doing, and one of the boys answered him saying in a joking way, "We are playing for a dance." I don't remember which one it was but it sounds like either Warren or True.

AUNT KATIE S. NORRIS.

### **John Nutting Family Concert Troupes**

1866-1879

#### **THE JOHN, ELIJAH, INA AND LIZZIE NUTTING COMBINATION**

FROM the photograph of CONCERT program accompanying and information furnished at various times by Mrs. Ina Nutting of Duluth, Minn., we gather that immediately following the disbandment of the Eight Nutting Brothers Concert Troupe early in the year 1866, there was organized another musical combination by John Nutting, one of the eight Nutting Brothers. This troupe consisted of John Nutting leader, tenor singer and impersonator; Elijah Nutting his brother, also one of the eight Nutting Brothers, bass singer and entertainer; together with the two young daughters of John Nutting, Ina 9 years old, and Lizzie 7 years old, soprano and alto singers respectively.

Their first concert was held March 21, 1866 in Roger's Hall, Waterville, Minn., after leaving Faribault as shown on the photograph opposite. Other places visited were: Red Wing, Hastings, Winona, Rochester besides other small towns, mostly in Minnesota..

*Ina, the older of the two sisters writes—*

"I remember the Roger's Hall where we gave our first concert was papered with red and green flowers and I had to look at these to keep my part going, I was so young and badly frightened. Then too, I recall the Congregational Church in Faribault with a pink curtain across one corner and how clumsy I felt.

"This organization only continued a short time on account of Elijah Nutting returning to Massachusetts. Father, Lizzie and I struggled along a while after this and on July 10, 1867 father's second marriage took place at Eau Claire, Wis. Mary Sophinia White, mother's sister, becoming our new mother. The following winter (1867) we spent in Elkhorn, father teaching singing school. At the end of the class we sang the Operetta of "Queen Esther."

"While in Elkhorn we met J. B. Webster and Dr. Bennett, writers of the hymn, "In the Sweet By and By." Our family sang this hymn at our hotel in the evening, just after it was written, drawing quite an audience about our door. This hymn was first published in a new hymn book these gentlemen were getting out, called "The Signet Ring," father writing two hymns for this book (I have forgotten the names)."

#### THE JOHN, MARY, INA, LIZZIE NUTTING; DR. C. B. CHAMBERLAIN COMBINATION

"The next spring (1868) father was called to Chicago by the Lyon and Healy Company and we started out for them, advertising their publications, among them THE SIGNET RING. We were assisted by Dr. C. B. Chamberlain, baritone, while our family of four made up the rest of the troupe, our new mother being a fine organ and piano accompanist.

"Our travels brought us to Woodstock, Ill., where father set music to the ballad "Minnie May." Mr. Johnson, the author, entertained us in elaborate manner at his home. At Madison, Wis., we serenaded the Governor. I wish I could recall the little speech the gentleman gave us at the close. At Ann Arbor, Mich., we girls sang at morning chapel for the students attending college there. A little farther on, we enjoyed another fine dinner at the home of Charles Battle Loomis, a noted writer of his day. Finally we drifted back to Minnesota in the fall of 1868, where Dr. Chamberlain left us. That winter father went to Morristown teaching singing school and where he wrote "THE REBELLION," a Mr. Le Roy of that town writing the lyric."

#### THE JOHN NUTTING FAMILY OF FOUR, EDWARD BROWNLEY, AND MR. FOSTER COMBINATION

"Going to St. Paul in the spring of 1869, father engaged Edward Brownley of that city and Mr. Foster of Stillwater to assist us. "THE REBELLION" was sung in Munger Opera House before an audience of the best musicians of the city, among them O. E. Dodge, a Boston violinist, widely known in our state, and also the man who bought \$625 worth of tickets for the first Jennie Lind Concert at Boston. Although everyone attending, pronounced "THE REBELLION" fine in every way, father had to abandon it for want of capital.

"Being very much discouraged after this, he thought of giving up music entirely and devoting his time to the much neglected study of medicine. Then the Oats Opera Company gave him an opportunity to join their company as first tenor, when he was taken seriously ill."

#### THE JOHN NUTTING FAMILY OF FOUR, AND GEORGE FESSENDEN COMBINATION

"After father's recovery from his illness, he formed another Concert Company, George Fessenden of Chicago, violinist, Mary, pianist, and off we started again, traveling the middle west and as far south as Vicksburg, Miss. On returning north, we located at Carbondale, Ill., there being an



**JOHN NUTTING FAMILY CONCERT TROUPE—1868**

**JOHN, Right: Leader and Tenor; MARY, Center: Accompanist; INA, Right: Soprano;  
LIZZIE, Left: Alto; Dr. Chamberlin, Left: Bass.**





opening for a practising physician and a Normal School there, where Lizzie and I intended going. We arrived at Carbondale in 1873 and left in 1879."

### CONCERT DAYS ENDED

"During our travels we met many noted people, our little Concert Companies furnishing music for three Presidents, the Louisiana Returning Board, Joseph Cannon and many others, I cannot begin to tell half of it. After reaching Faribault in 1880, our lives were somewhat changed, and our traveling days ended."

### Songs of Yesterday

NOTE—W.M.N. The words of the following songs are printed (many of them for the first time) through the courtesy of several of the Nutting Kinsfolks who have kindly supplied your compiler with either typewritten or manuscript copies of the pieces, either from their own memory or from copies in possession of their respective families.

Aside from a few standard publications, most of the songs sung by the various Nutting Musical Combinations, back in the middle of the nineteenth century, were composed (both words and music) by the NUTTING'S themselves and have never heretofore been published.

Now, after the lapse of some sixty years, we think it remarkable and extremely fortunate to the kinsfolks and their posterity, that so many of the words of these old NUTTING SONGS have been gotten together and are to be preserved in permanent printed form.

Whereas we are able to preserve the sentiment expressed in the words—the lamentable thing is that we are unable to record the sweet music that used to accompany them, and few there are left who ever heard the pieces sung or can even hum the tunes today. Mrs. Ina A. Nutting of Duluth, Minn., (B3-111) is the only Nutting still living of any of the original Nutting Musical Combinations—she being the young soprano voice in all the JOHN NUTTING Combinations back in the late 60's.

I have heard in my boyhood days, many of the pieces sung by members of the original Troupes on occasions like Thanksgiving and other family gatherings and I am proud to say that I can hum the air to many of the verses. It is interesting to note how the sentiment of the songs express the spirit of the times in which they were written and sung and especially how the songs of home and loved ones "GONE ON BEFORE," hark back to the "GOOD OLD DAYS OF YORE" back in old NUTTINGVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS, the cradle of our branch of the tribe.

### SONGS SUNG BY THE EIGHT NUTTING BROTHERS AND JOHN NUTTING FAMILY CONCERT TROUPES

*\*Starred Titles have the words reproduced in full so far as it has been possible to obtain them.*

#### GREETING AND LIGHT SONGS

BREAD AND BUTTER SONG	Tenor solo (Frank)
CHASE THE ANTELOPE	Key of D Troupe
GOOD TIME COMING	Key of G Troupe
*GREETING SONG	Key of A flat Troupe
*HUNTER'S GLEE	Key of F Troupe
RING, RING THE BANJO	Key of E flat Troupe
*WAKE UP BOYS	Key of F Troupe

## GREETING SONG

Key of A flat  
Sung by Troupe

1

*We come with songs to greet you,  
Singing songs of our native land  
O'er hill, valley, and mountain  
Is heard the trump of our band.*

2

*The smiles of love that greet us,  
Here and all along our way  
Make merry oh merry and cheer us  
As we sing our opening lay.*

Chorus

*Tra-la, Tra-la is heard the trump of our band  
Tra-la-la la-la, la, We welcome, we welcome  
The songs of our native land  
The songs, the songs, the songs of our native land.*

Courtesy Ina Nutting.

## HUNTER'S GLEE

Key of F  
Sung by Troupe

1

*Some love to roam o'er the dark sea foam  
Where the shrill winds whistle free  
But a chosen band in a mountain land  
And a life in the woods for me,  
Where morning beams on the mountain stream  
Oh merrily forth we go  
To follow the stag to the slippery crag  
And to chase the bounding roe.  
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho, Ho-o*

2

*The deer we mark through the forest dark  
And the prowling wolf we track  
And with right good cheer in the wild woods here  
Oh why should a hunter lack.  
For with steady aim at the bounding game  
And hearts that fear no foe  
To the darksome glad in the forest shade  
Oh merrily forth we go.  
Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho, Ho Ho Ho, Ho-o*

Copied from old hand written sheet in the family  
of Elijah Nutting.

## WAKE UP BOYS

Key of F  
Sung by Troupe

1

We are roaming through this happy land  
As gay as hours are fleeting  
And NUTTING bards shall be the band  
To give our friends a greeting,  
And fondly do we hope to please  
All those who are before us  
And this our song and chorus.

2

We bring no foreign shakes or trills  
Or rare exotic flowers  
But music that the warm heart fills  
Wreaths wove in native bowers.  
These are the treasures that we bring  
To all that are before us  
In language all can understand  
And this shall be the chorus.

## Chorus

Then wake up boys, wake up boys  
Wake up boys the air is ringing  
With the songs the bards are singing.

From memory by Elijah Nutting.

## COMIC SONG AND DIALOGUES

*BACHELOR'S LAMENT	Key of F	Tenor solo, Frank
FRENCH SPEECH		Speaking Elijah
*GAFFER GREEN—ROBIN RUFF	Key of E flat	Bass solo, Elijah
*HORTICULTURAL WIFE		Bass solo, Elijah and Chorus
IRISH GENTLEMAN	Music by John	Tenor solo, John
*LAZIEST MAN IN ALL THE TOWN	Key of E flat	Bass solo, Elijah
*MY DOG TOWZER	Dialogue	Elijah and John
*PEOPLE WILL TALK		Tenor solo, Frank
SQUIRE JONES' DAUGHTER	Key of E flat	Troupe
*THERE WAS A MAN, HE HAD TWO SONS		Bass solo, Elijah
*UNFORTUNATE MAN	Key of E flat	Tenor solo, John
USED UP MAN		Tenor solo, John
*WE ALL WEAR CLOAKS	Key of A flat	Bass solo, Elijah

## THE BACHELOR'S LAMENT

Key of F

Tenor solo (John) (Frank)

1

Returning home at close of day  
 Who gently chides my long delay  
 And by my side delights to stay, Nobody.

2

Who sits for me the easy chair  
 Sits out the room with neatest care.  
 And lays my slippers ready there, Nobody.

3

Who regulates the cheerful fire  
 And piles the blazing fuel higher  
 And bids me draw my chair stil nigher, Nobody

4

So I'm resolved, So help me fate  
 To change at last this single state  
 And will to hymens alter take, take, Somebody

Courtesy Ina Nutting.

## GAFFER GREEN—ROBIN RUFF

Key of E flat

Bass solo (Elijah)

1

If I had but a thousand a year, Gaffer Green,  
 If I had but a thousand a year  
 What a man I would be, and what sights would I see  
 If I had but a thousand a year, Gaffer Green  
 If I had but a thousand a year.

2

The best wish you could have, take my word Robin Ruff  
 Would scarce find you in bread and in beer,  
 But be honest and true, Say what would you do  
 If you had but a thousand a year, Robin Ruff?  
 If you had but a thousand a year.

3

I'd do I scarcely know what Gaffer Green  
 I'd go, faith I hardly know where,  
 I'd scatter the chink, and leave others to think  
 If I had but a thousand a year Gaffer Green  
 If I had but a thousand a year.



4

*But when you are aged and gray Robin Ruff,  
And the day of your death it draws near  
Say what with your pains, would you do with your gains  
If you then had a thousand a year Robin Ruff?  
If you then had a thousand a year.*

5

*I scarcely can tell what you mean Gaffer Green,  
For your questions are always so queer,  
But as other folks die I suppose so must I  
What! and give up your thousand a year Robin Ruff?  
And give up your thousand a year?*

6

*There's a place better far than this Robin Ruff,  
And I hope in my heart you'll go there,  
Where the poor man is great—though he hath no estate  
Aye, as if he'd a thousand a year Robin Ruff  
Aye, as if he'd a thousand a year.*

From memory by Elijah G. Nutting, Feb. 20, 1918.

### THE HORTICULTURAL WIFE

Bass solo (Elijah)  
and Chorus

1

*She's my Myrtle, My geranium, My sunflower  
My sweet Marjoram, My honeysuckle  
My tulip, my violet, my daisy, my minionette.*

2

*We have grown up together like young apple trees  
And chung to each other like double sweet peas  
And now they're going to trim her and plant her in a pot  
And I'm left to wither neglected and forgot.*

3

*I'm like a bumblebee that don't know where to settle  
And she's a dandelion, and a stinging nettle.  
My heart is like a beetroot chocked with chuck weed,  
And my head is like a pum'kin running off to seed.*

4

*I'm like a scarlet runner that has lost its stick  
Or a cherry that's left for the dicky birds to pick  
Like a watering pot I weep like a pavior I sigh  
Like a mushroom I'll wither  
And like a cucumber I'll die,*

## 5

*I've a great mind to make myself a felodese  
And end all my woes on a branch of a tree  
I'd do it in a minute if I thought t'would make her cry  
But oh she'd only laugh to see me hanging up to dry.*

## Chorus

*Oh oh she's my fickle wild rose  
My damask a cabbage, a china rose.*

Courtesy Ina Nutting.

## THE LAZIEST MAN IN TOWN

Key of E flat  
Music by John  
Bass solo (Elijah))

*When I was a little lad scarcely five years old  
I often listened to my dad when he this story told  
Of one who wandered up and down  
The laziest man in all the town.*

*He never laughed nor never smiled  
Nor did he ever think  
And when the dust blew in his eyes  
Too lazy was he to wink.  
And so he wandered up and down  
The laziest man in all the town.*

*At last this man he died  
And when Satan called for him to take his journey down below  
He was so plagued lazy  
He quite refused to go  
And so he wandered up and down  
The laziest G-H-O-S-T in all the town.*

From memory Ina and Walter Nutting.

DIALOGUE  
MY DOG TOWZER

(Elijah and John)

*Did you ever hear that story about my dog Towzer?  
No, I never did.  
Well, about the middle of last July—  
No matter when, I want to hear that story.  
Well, we were all coming home from church.*

I want to hear the story, go on Mr. Bangs.  
 Well, it rained—  
 Hailed, snowed and drizzled! Go on Mr. B.  
 All right. Er—er—What was I talking about?  
 Your dog Towzer!  
 O, yes! Well, you know. we always thought that dog was part  
 Newfoundland.  
 He's straight mongrel.  
 Well, anyway—  
 Milkman interruption.  
 Well, anyway, we met a cow in the park.  
 I think it was a whale.  
 How far had I got in my story?  
 I must have that story, go on Mr. B.  
 Well, er—let me see—wait, er—er—I know it was an excellent  
 story and you would split your sides laughing, but—but—I can't  
 seem to think of it, just now.

Copied from hand written sheet  
 in family of Elijah Nutting.

### PEOPLE WILL TALK

Tenor solo (Frank)

#### 1

You may get through the world, but twill be very slow,  
 If you listen to all that is said as you go;  
 You'll be worried and fretted and kept in a stew—  
 For meddlesome tongues must have something to do  
 And people will talk.

#### 2

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed  
 That your humble position is only assumed—  
 You're a wolf in sheep's clothing or else you're a fool.  
 But don't get excited—keep perfectly cool—  
 For people will talk.

#### 3

And then if you show the least boldness of heart.  
 Or a slight inclination to take your own part.  
 They will call you an upstart, conceited and vain;  
 But keep straight ahead—don't stop to explain—  
 For people will talk.

#### 4

If threadbare your dress or old-fashioned your hat,  
 Someone will surely take notice of that,  
 And hint very strong that you can't pay your way:  
 But don't get excited whatever they say—  
 For people will talk.

5

If your dress is the fashion, don't think to escape,  
 For they criticize then in a different shape;  
 You're ahead of your means, or your tailor's unpaid;  
 But mind your own business, there's nought to be made.  
 For people will talk.

6

Now the best way to do is do as you please.  
 For your mind, if you have one, will then be at ease;  
 Of course, you will meet all sorts of abuse;  
 But don't think to stop them—it ain't any use—  
 For people will talk.

Courtesy Ina Nutting.

# THERE WAS A MAN, HE HAD TWO SONS

1

In Minor key  
 Bass solo (Elijah)

There was a man he had two sons  
 And these two sons were brothers  
 Tobias was the name of one  
 Tobias was the name of one  
 Co Chunko was the other  
 Co Chunko was the other  
 Co Chunko Co Chunko Chunko Chunko was the other.

2

Now these two boys to the theater went  
 Whenever they saw fit  
 Tobias in the Gallery sat  
 Tobias in the Gallery sat  
 Co Chunko in the Pit  
 Co Chunko in the Pit  
 Co Chunko Co Chunko Chunko Chunko in the pit.

3

Now these two boys are dead and gone  
 Long may their ashes rest  
 Tobias of the cholera died  
 Tobias of the cholera died  
 Co Chunko by request  
 Co Chunko by request  
 Co Chunko Co Chunko Chunko Chunko by request.

From memory by Elijah Nutting.



## THE UNFORTUNATE MAN

Key of E flat  
Tenor solo (John)

1

I'm really a very unfortunate man,  
I try to be happy but nowhere I can  
At home or abroad, let me go where I will  
This same unlucky luck is pervading me still  
I've run through a fortune, been cheated by friends  
Who laughed when I spoke about making amend's  
I'm sure of a failure in whatever I plan  
For I'm really a very unfortunate man.

2

I once had a sweetheart who said she'd be mine  
So I reckoned of course she was almost divine  
Till her other young fellow one night did return  
So she made up her mind, to hide me in the churn  
Her mother then soon coming into the room  
Said she had so much cream she must churn it up soon  
So she poured it all over me out of the pan  
And left me a very unfortunate man.

3

And I soon got tired of a bachelor's life  
And ran away with another man's wife  
On a farm in the west we thought we'd retire  
But the news got ahead on the telegraph wire.  
On stepping out of the cars not thinking of harm  
An officer gently seized hold of my arm  
And my false divine away from me ran  
And left me a very unfortunate man.

## WE ALL WEAR CLOAKS

Key of A Flat  
Bass solo (Elijah)  
and Chorus

1

When I came to town lately I found it no joke  
Men, women and children were all wearing cloaks  
So I says to myself do as other folks do  
To be in the fashion I'll wear a cloak too.

2

Why not for I'll prove in the course of life's pother  
We all of us wear a cloak sometime or other  
For there is none but must own however great is their pride  
There is some thing it is sometimes convenient to hide.

## 3

Young Miss with beauty, her airs and her graces  
 In the hood of her cloak often carries two faces  
 Her lover declares she is an angel uncommon  
 Till she throws off her cloak and he finds she's a woman.

## 4

The lover till wed seems to court beauty's sway  
 And says he but lives her commands to obey.  
 But once tightly noosed in the conjugal yoke  
 Do as I tell you madam, for off goes his cloak.

## 5

The lawyer a cloak wears as well as the lover  
 So many old suits he has always to cover  
 But his cloak once thrown off shows of evil a great deal,  
 For instead of the lawyer, oh there is the Devil.

## 6

The doctor will boast of his skill and the way  
 To lengthen out life and cheat death of his prey,  
 He has a grand panacea for every ill  
 And when he's no lancet, he'll bleed with a bill.

## 7

Some clergymen there are of the hypocrite stock  
 Who care more for the fleece than they do for the flock  
 You may always know such before you install  
 For the larger the salary, the louder the call.

## 8

The singer will sing you a song for your pelf  
 With his eye on your purse and his thoughts on himself  
 The ring of the spelter is his keynote, I choke  
 So I pray you excuse me, and I'll keep on my cloak.

## Chorus

For we all wear cloaks  
 We all wear cloaks  
 To be in the fashion  
 We all wear cloaks.

From hand written sheet  
 in family of Elijah Nutting.

## LOVE SONGS AND LULLABYS

BELOVED STAR  
 GERMAN LOVE SONG  
 HEAR MY TRUE LOVE WEEP

Tenor solo, John and Chorus

Key of E flat      Quartette

- \*MINNIE MAY Tenor solo, Warren and Quartette  
 ROCK ME TO SLEEP MOTHER Tenor solo, John and Chorus  
 'TIS HARD TO PART  
 WHEN THE CORN IS WAVING ANNIE DEAR Key of A  
Tenor solo, Warren and Quartette  
 WHITE MOUNTAIN SERANADE Quartette

## MINNIE MAY

Tenor solo (Warren)  
and Quartette

## 1

*The myrtle and rosebud I see, Minnie May,  
 The trellis and ivy are here,  
 But where are the footsteps I heard, Minnie May  
 That told of thy presence so dear.  
 And here are the tokens of love that hast left  
 The emblems thy fingers have wrought,  
 They whisper to me of the days of thy rest  
 In heaven with angels thy guests.*

## 2

*The same golden beams like the wild thrush's song  
 Come fresh with morn's early hue  
 And pouring its light through the shutters along  
 Seems whispering of heaven and you.  
 But oh, all the light now seems somber and pale  
 No joys find my soul with its beams  
 Yet up from its woe through the shadowy vale  
 It looks where thy holiness gleams.*

## Chorus

*My own Minnie May, thou art departed and gone,  
 Where angels are listening today  
 To the music that swells from thy harp and thy song,  
 My own spirit bride Minnie May.*

From memory by Warren Nutting.

## SENTIMENTAL SONGS

- BEN BOLT See Standard publications Tenor solo, John  
 CALL ME NOT BACK AGAIN Tenor solo, John and Chorus  
 \*CHILDHOOD'S HOME Words and music by Sidney Song and Chorus  
 \*FAREWELL, FAREWELL Quartette  
 \*THE FARMER SAT IN HIS EASY CHAIR Key of F flat Quartette

GONE ON BEFORE		Quartette
*GOOD OLD DAYS OF YORE	Key of E	Quartette
HARD TIMES COME NO MORE	Key of G	Troupe
*OUR MOTHER'S GENTLE VOICE		Troupe
OLD CABIN HOME		Quartette
*OLD HOME AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE		Quartette
*OLD OAK ORCHARD'S RIPPLING STREAM	Key of F flat	
	Tenor solo, Warren and Chorus	
OLD SEXTON		Bass solo, Elijah
*THE ROVER'S GRAVE	Key of B flat	Troupe
*O WHAT IS LIFE	Key of E flat	Quartette
	Words and music by Sidney	
SPEED AWAY	See Standard Publications	
*WHERE DO THEY DWELL	Key of C	Quartette
WHITE SQUALL (See Standard Publications)		Tenor solo, John

### CHILDHOOD'S HOME

*Song and Chorus*

Words and music by Sidney S. Nutting, April, 1899.

#### 1

How sweet the memory of childhood's home  
And the scenes of long ago  
When we as children used to roam  
Through the fields where the violets grew.  
The flowers that grew along the lane  
So sweet to you and I  
Are blooming fresh and green again  
As in the days gone by.

#### 2

The winding path along the stream  
That through the orchard runs  
Where we drove the cows from the pastures green  
When the summer day was done.  
The shady lawn and the old grapevine  
Down near the garden wall  
Where we used to play in the summertime  
I seem to see them all.

#### 3

The pleasant road near the old shade trees  
And the birds in leafy bowers  
The drowsy hum of honey bees  
Mid the sweet perfume of flowers.  
I seem to see them all again  
In visions bright and clear  
The growing grass and waving grain  
Round the home we loved so dear.



## Chorus

Our childhood home we loved so dear,  
And the joys we used to know  
Come back to me in visions clear  
As in days of long ago.

## FAREWELL FAREWELL

Sung by Quartette

1

*Farewell, Farewell! We meet no more on this side heav'n  
The parting scene is o'er  
The last sad look is given.*

2

*Farewell, Farewell! My soul will weep while memory lives  
From wounds that sink so deep  
No earthly hand releases.*

3

*Farewell, Farewell! My stricken heart to Jesus flies  
From Him I'll never part  
On Him my hope relies.*

4

*Farewell, Farewell! And shall we meet in Heaven above  
And there in union sweet  
Sing of a Saviour's love.*

From hand written sheet in  
family of Elijah Nutting.

## THE FARMER SAT IN HIS EASY CHAIR

Key of I flat

Sung by Quartette

1

*The farmer sat in his easy chair  
Smoking his pipe of clay,  
While his hale old wife with busy care  
Was clearing the dinner away.  
A fair young child with mild blue eyes  
On her Grandfather's knee was catching flies,  
Catching, catching flies.*

2

*The old man placed his hand on her head  
With a tear on his wrinkled face,  
He thought how often her mother, dead,  
Had sat in that self same place.  
As the tears stole down from his half-shut eyes,  
"Don't smoke," said the child, "How it makes you cry."  
"Don't smoke, don't smoke, how it makes you cry."*

## 3

The house dog lay stretched out on the floor,  
Where the sun afternoon used to steal;  
The busy old wife by the open door  
Was turning the spinning wheel.  
And the old brass clock on the mantel tree  
Had plodded along to almost three.  
Almost, almost three.

## 4

Still the farmer sat in his easy chair  
While close to his heaving breast,  
The moistened brow and the cheek so fair  
Of his sweet grandchild were pressed,  
His head bent down, on her soft hair lay,  
Fast asleep were they both on that summer's day  
Fast asleep, fast asleep, on that summer's day.

From memory by Miss Eva Nutting,  
Corning, Cal., April 20, 1925.

## GOOD OLD DAYS OF YORE

Key of E  
Sung by Quartette

## 1

How my heart is in me burning,  
And my very soul is yearning,  
As my thoughts go backward turning  
To the good old days of yore.  
When my father and my mother  
And each sister dear, and brother,  
Sang and chatted with each other  
Round that good old cottage door.

## 2

Now our days on earth are fleeting,  
And all temporal joys retreating,  
Still we hope for another meeting  
Better far than days of yore.  
When through heavenly courts ascending,  
And with angel voices blending,  
We shall sing on without ending  
Round our Heavenly Father's door.

From memory by Miss Eva Nutting,  
Corning, Cal., April 20, 1925.

## OUR MOTHER'S GENTLE VOICE

Sung by Quartette  
Sidney, Elijah, Warren, Truman

1

*Our thoughts oft turn with tender love to happy  
moments fled and o'er our spirits sweet sad tones  
their holy influence shed. They seem so kind so  
full of love we feel our hearts rejoice for well  
we know the music of our Mother's Gentle Voice.*

2

*Through fleeting years of joy and grief the  
lights and shadows come and memory wakes the  
silent cords to happy scenes of home where  
gathered round the old hearthstone those tones  
fell on our ears of one we loved the most of  
all our Mother, Mother dear.*

3

*Now o'er her grave the cypress waves and  
flowers their perfume shed and many years have  
passed away the Spring and Summer fled yet  
while undimmed our memory lives our hearts  
will still rejoice to hear the sweet sad  
music of our Mother's Gentle Voice.*

FROM WARREN

Sid composed the first part then called on Lige and True and myself to make his own part. The music was never written, this is how the tune came to be made.

## THE OLD HOME AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE

Sung by Quartette

1

*Oh the old home ain't what it used to be,  
The banjo and fiddle has gone,  
And no more you hear the darkies singing,  
Among the sugar-cane and corn.  
Great changes have come to the poor colored man,  
But the change makes him sad and forlorn,  
For no more we hear the darkies singing,  
Among the sugar-cane and corn.*

Chorus

## 2

*In the fields I've worked when I thot 'twas hard,  
But night brot it's pleasures and rest,  
In the old house down by the riverside,  
The place of all the world the best.  
Oh where are the children that once used to play,  
In the lane by the old cabin door,  
They are scattered now, and o'er the world they roam,  
The old man ne'er will see them more.*

Chorus

## 3

*Now the old man would rather lived and died,  
In the home where his children were born,  
But when freedom came to the colored man,  
He left the cotton field and corn.  
This old man has lived out his three score and ten,  
And he'll soon have to lay down and die,  
Yet he hopes to go into a better land,  
So now old cabin home good bye.*

Courtesy Jennie Willard

Note—Chorus is missing.

## OLD OAK ORCHARD'S RIPPLING STREAM

Key of B flat  
Tenor solo (Warren)  
and Chorus

## 1

*Oh, blissful days of child hood bright  
Its fancies and its happy dreams  
My memory clothes them all with light  
Till youth on earthly heaven seems.  
Oh how my yearning spirit cries  
Bring back each youthful hope and scene  
And let me as in childhood dream  
By Old Oak Orchard's rippling stream.*

## 2

*Those scenes how plainly pictured are  
Within my heart engraved they lie  
And ever shall be treasured there  
Till fades the light of memory.  
For things we loved in childhood's day  
Will yet in manhood cherished seem  
Oh I would love again to stray  
By Old Oak Orchard's rippling stream.*



## 3

Roll on bright stream would that I moved  
 Through pleasant fields and forests too  
 Would that the scenes I dearly loved  
 Mine eyes might in rapture view  
 But I am gone, thou art left behind  
 Afar from thee things darkened seem  
 Yet pictured still within my mind  
 Art thou Oak Orchard's rippling stream.

## Chorus

Oh take me back my spirit cries  
 To scenes my heart doth dearly prize  
 And let me as in childhood dream  
 By Old Oak Orchard's rippling stream.

From memory by Elijah Nutting.

## THE ROVER'S GRAVE

Key of B flat  
 Sung by Troupe

## 1

They bore him away the day had fled  
 and the Storm was rolling high and they  
 laid him down in his lowly bed by the light  
 of an angry sky the lightning flashed and  
 the wild sea lashed the shore with its  
 foaming waves and the Thunder passed on  
 the rushing blast as it howled o'er the Rover's grave,  
 and the Thunder passed on the rushing blast as it  
 howled o'er the Rover's grave.

## 2

No longer for him like a fearless bird  
 yon bark floats under the lea. No more his  
 voice on the gale is heard as his guns peal  
 over the Sea, but near him the white Gull  
 builds on high her nest by the gleaming wave  
 and the heaving Billows rolled and died on the  
 Sands o'er the Rover's grave,  
 and the heaving billows rolled and died on the Sands  
 o'er the Rover's grave.

## O WHAT IS LIFE

Key of E flat  
 Soprano and Alto Duet

## 1

Oh, what is life, we may not know,  
 It seems sometimes so like a dream,  
 The days and weeks, they come and go,  
 Like drifting leaves along the stream.

## 2

Today our hearts are filled with sorrow  
And all the world seems sad and drear,  
But brighter hopes may come tomorrow  
And bring us joy in place of tears.

## 3

This life we live so full of tears,  
Is but one link in life's great chain  
That reaches on to brighter spheres  
Where those we love we'll meet again.

## 4

They bid us come with outstretched hands  
To greet us on the other shore  
To dwell with them in summer-land  
Where pain and sorrow come no more.

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## WHERE DO THEY DWELL

Key of C  
Sung by Quartette

## 1

Where do they dwell? 'Neath grassy mounds by daises  
Lily's and buttercups of fairest gold.  
'Neath gray grown walls, there in wild tortuous maze  
Old clustering ivy wreaths in many a fold.  
Where 'neath red summer noon fresh leaves are rustling.  
Where do they dwell? Where do they dwell?

## 2

No for in these they slumber to decay  
And their remembrance with their lives departs  
They have a home not dark nor far away  
Their proper home within our faithful hearts  
There dwell with us the dead, parted ah never  
Where tolls the heavy bell over the river  
There do they dwell. There do they dwell.

Courtesy Ina Nutting.

## PATRIOTIC SONGS

\*BEHOLD THE BLESSED DAY OF PROMISE

Music by John  
Sung by Troupe  
Tenor solo, John  
Troupe

BATTLE PRAYER

\*THE FIRM OLD ROCK

\*GOD SPEED THE FLOW  
 \*THERE'S MUSIC IN THE WATERS  
 TRIBUTE TO ELLSWORH

Tenor solo, John and Chorus  
 Troupe  
 Troupe

### BEHOLD THE BLESSED DAY OF PROMISE COMES

Music by John  
 Sung by Troupe

#### 1

*Behold the blessed day of promise comes full of inspiration,  
 The blessed day by prophets sung for healing of the nation  
 Old midnight errors flee away they soon will all be gone  
 And the heavenly angels seem to say the good times coming on.*

#### 2

*Coming right along, coming right along  
 The blessed day of promise is coming right along.  
 Coming right along, coming right along  
 The blessed day of promise is a coming right along.*

#### 3

*Already in the golden east, the glorious light is dawning—  
 And watchman from the mountain tops  
 Can see the blessed morning  
 Still higher and higher mounts the sun, the light of truth is stream-  
 ing.*

#### 4

*While in the lap of superstition old error lies a dreaming.*

\* \* \* \* \*

#### Refrain

Courtesy Ina Nutting.

### THE FIRM OLD ROCK

Sung by Troupe

#### 1

*The firm old rock the wave worn rock  
 That braved the blast and the billow's shook  
 It was born with time on a barren shore  
 And it laughed with scorn at the ocean roar  
 'Twas here that first the pilgrim band  
 Came weary up from the foaming strand  
 And the tree they reared in the days gone by  
 It lives, it lives and ne'er shall die.*

## 2

Thou firm old rock in the ages past  
 Thy brow was bleached by the waving blast  
 But thy wintry toil with the waves ere or'  
 And the billows beat thy base no more  
 Yet countless as thy sands old rock  
 Are the hardy sons of the pilgrim stock  
 And the tree they reared in the days gone by  
 It lives, it lives, it lives and ne'er shall die.

## 3

Then rest old rock on the sea beat shore  
 Thy sire's are lulled by the breakers roar  
 Twas here that first their hymns were heard  
 O'er the startled cry of the ocean bird  
 Twas here they lived twas here they died  
 Their forms repose on the green hillside  
 But the tree they reared in the days gone by  
 It lives, it lives, it lives and ne'er shall die.

Courtesy Ina Nutting.

## GOD SPEED THE PLOW

## Chorus

Hurrah for arms that till the farm  
 That harrow, reap and sow  
 The hoe we hail, the rake, and flail  
 And sing God speed the plow.

From memory by Ina Nutting.

## THERE'S MUSIC IN THE WATERS

Key of A  
 Sung by Troupe

## 1

There is music in the waters, playing on their silver flutes  
 With the autumn night winds sighing softly o'er airy lutes  
 There's music in the ocean breaking on green isles afar  
 Music in the solemn forest, music in each watching star  
 We have listened to that music where the moonlit waters roll.  
 How we love, we love to echo tunes like these unto the soul  
 Tunes like these unto the soul.



## 2

Oh there's music in the circle gathered round the household hearth  
 Laughs of children, smiles of heart's dearest blessings on earth.  
 There's music in the greeting of the mother, wife or friend  
 Music of the time prophetic when the song shall never end  
 We have heard the household music unadorned by tinselled art  
 And we love, we love to echo tunes like these unto the heart  
 Tunes like these unto the heart.

## 3

Oh there's music in the cannon booming from the Patriot host  
 When the foeman dares to trample on Columbia's sacred coast  
 Oh there's music in the waving of our flag o'er freedom's car  
 Music grand, triumphant, music in the rustle of its stars  
 We have heard that mighty music sounding o'er freedom's goal  
 Then Hurrah, and give the echo back to every freeman's soul  
 Back to every freeman's soul.

From memory by Elijah Nutting, 1894.

## CLOSING AND FAREWELL SONGS

### GOOD NIGHT SONG

Music and words by John  
 Arranged by Sidney  
 Sung by Troupe

We have met you kind friends  
 We have met you to-night  
 And with songs and with glee we have sought to delight  
 But we hope that we part as we parted before  
 In love and affection that will last ever more  
 Good night, good night, good night,  
 Good night, one and all, good night.  
 Good night, good night. God bless you all.

Courtesy of Ina Nutting.

## Addendum—Wedding Story (1873)

Written by Elijah G. Nutting on the wedding of his niece, Jennie Nutting (Willard) B3-33, p. 157; Dec. 25, 1873.

An interesting story I'm about to relate,  
Of a certain young lady whom you very  
well know,  
Who once lived in Faribault, in Minnesota  
state  
Where eight years since, she happened to  
go.

She now had arrived at the age of twenty-  
one,  
Well fitted of course. To fill some good  
station  
It seemed to her time, that something be  
done  
And it began to be a matter of serious  
meditation.

Now, her life in part, previous to this time,  
Had been spent in Florence, a town in the  
East  
And she had often cast the thought in her  
mind  
To pay this dear Spot, a visit at least.

Her Grandparents old, and declining in  
years,  
Resolved to ask Jennie (The young lady  
above)  
To help bear their toils, and lessen their  
cares  
And to make their home pleasant, by her  
labors of love.

So according to wishes of all parties con-  
cerned  
The way was provided for Jennie to come  
And before she repented, or ere her mind  
turned  
She found herself living in grandmother's  
home.

Now to all it did seem so proper and right  
That she so long expected, was now indeed  
here  
Grandmother wore a smile from morn until  
night  
For she had already promised to stay at  
least a year.

As time passed along she improved much  
in health  
The change was beneficial, we all were  
glad to say  
Yet she seemed discontented. And was not  
herself,  
While here in the body, her heart was far  
away.

Her friends tried by all the means in  
their power  
To supply the place of those she had left  
so far behind  
And to make all so pleasant, that not a  
sad hour  
Of homesickness felt, should enter her mind.

But like a ship without rudder, compass or  
sail  
So was our Jennie, without her Eugene,  
To make her contented we could not pre-  
vail  
Or from the dear one, her affections to  
wean.

So along in the winter as Christmas drew  
near  
Amid anxious waiting (for 'twas all un-  
derstood)  
Who but a young man, from the west  
should appear  
To some a surprize, but to all very good.

To make a short visit, at first was sup-  
posed  
Was the plan of young Willard, in mak-  
ing the trip  
But with the young lady, the bargain to  
close,  
Was her earnest intent, and that very  
quick!

On merry Christmas Day, the time set  
apart,  
A few friends were invited, the wedding  
to attend  
For it was now the young man would take  
to his heart  
The lady of his choice and their courting  
to end.

In the parlor at Grandfather's, we all were assembled,  
 All expectant and waiting to see the knot tied,  
 Some of us smiled, some of us trembled  
 To keep our faces straight we all of us tried.

The minister had'n't come why did he delay  
 Some were quite anxious to know what to do  
 Why did he tarry so long on his way  
 For they were to be married precisely at two

We at window and door did anxiously look  
 Somehow or other we couldn't see through it  
 We inquired the while whether t'would e Cobb or Cook  
 When her Grandfather said he guessed he could do it.

Grandmother said all things are now ready  
 And the time had arrived that the thing should be done  
 While Grandfather with a smile to keep himself steady  
 Performed the solemn rite and made the twain one.

Then there was silence for at least half a minute  
 While all were thinking of something to say  
 When an uncle o hers (The deuce was in him)  
 From the lips of the bride stole the first kiss away.

After sitting awhile amid joking and fun,  
 And Grandfather gave some good solid advice  
 He seemed well pleased with his new grandson  
 And that he had been privileged to join him a wife.

To prevent future strife and misunderstanding  
 To make life pleasant and glow with a smile  
 Grandmother thought that now they had got their hand in  
 They had better keep up their courting all the while.

She then spoke again for she had in her mind  
 The programme arranged for all of that day,  
 Out in the kitchen I think I can find  
 Employment for some of the young and the gay.

A smoking hot turkey with vegetables to match  
 With cake and other things, formed the Christmas repast.  
 All arranged on the table with neatness and despatch  
 From kitchen and pantry the good things were passed.

We all at the table were anxiously waiting  
 For indeed now our wants had become very pressing  
 Now all was as still as a Quaker meeting  
 While the aged divine invoked a blessing.

Now the interest that crowded in the next half hour  
 While partaking of the rich and palatable food  
 To justly describe I have not the power  
 But it was just such a time as does a person good.

After wishing the couple many such happy days  
 That all future Christmas might be merry as this  
 We turned to Grandmother with voices of praise  
 For setting before us such an excellent dish.

The meal being finished the dishes done up  
 We all in the dining-room quickly were found,  
 And brought from minds treasures to fill pleasure's cup  
 While with music and speeches the air did resound.

We had songs for the married and sighs for the single  
 The unfortunate maid, the disconsolate batch.  
 And with strongest desire their voices to mingle  
 Each for dry jokes did his cranium scratch.

The day passed away and evening came on  
 Some neighbors came in by kind invitation  
 Happy hours were now spent in plays and  
 with songs  
 Till all were prepared for the evening  
 collation.

It consisted of nuts of various kinds  
 With raisins etc. to make up the dish  
 And candy as good as a man ever finds  
 And in fact all that the appetite could  
 wish.

Grandmother consented (strange what  
 should guide her  
 In selecting a drink so agreeable to all)  
 To allow her son Freeman to get some  
 new cider  
 Of a neighbor close by who was subject  
 to call.

We all drank of this and called it first rate  
 Called the day well spent; our duty per-  
 formed,  
 And for fear of prolonging our stay until  
 late,  
 We all with one accord went joyfully home.

Now Grandmother is sorry her Jennie to  
 lose

While another, is happy her heart to  
 possess.

But she is resigned that the young folks  
 choose,

Thinking the while that its all for the best.

Grandfather and Grandmother a word now  
 to you

In this maze the hand of Providence be  
 seen

For without the past separation so greivous  
 to you

This now happy union might never have  
 been.

And to Jennie 'twill be a most happy  
 event,

To return again so soon to her home in  
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May the rest of her life be pleasantly  
 spent,

And each coming year with happiness blest.



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*Several minor errors have been discovered since these pages were printed. Attention is called to the following:*

The date in first line of the Preface should read 1922.

Page 65, line 10, for 1820 read 1920.

Page 108, third line from bottom, for A3 read A1-3.

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